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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED
2 SESSION MAY 17, 2011 ON PAGE 113.]

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6 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MAY 17TH, 2011 BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN. FIRST WE'LL BE LED IN PRAYER BY
8 PASSTOR WILLIAM D. SMART OF THE CHRIST LIBERATION MINISTRIES
9 CME CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND OUR
10 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY OSCAR MAGANA, VOLUNTEER WITH THE
11 UNITED STATES ARMY. PASTOR?

12
13 **REV. WILLIAM SMART:** LET US PRAY. OH, FATHER, WE COME TODAY
14 THANKING YOU FOR THIS DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS AUGUST BODY
15 THAT DELIBERATES OVER THE LIVES OF SOME 11 MILLION PEOPLE.
16 HELP THEM TO DO IT IN A RIGHTEOUS WAY, IN A JUST WAY. CONTINUE
17 TO BLESS THEM AND ALL OF THOSE THAT WILL COME BEFORE THIS BODY
18 ON THIS DAY, THOSE WHO WOULD BE LOOKING TO MAKE SURE THAT
19 THEIR EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES, THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING TO MAKE SURE
20 THEIR LAND IS ACQUISITIONED. WE JUST PRAY ALL THE BUSINESS
21 WOULD BE DONE IN A BEAUTIFUL WAY TODAY AND HELP OUR
22 SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS, THE IMPORTANT
23 BUSINESS OF OUR COUNTY IN SUCH A POSITIVE WAY THAT ALL OF US
24 WILL FEEL AND WALK AND KNOW THAT WE'RE LIVING IN A HEALTHY
25 ENVIRONMENT IN TIMES LIKE THESE. WE THANK YOU FOR THEM. WE



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1 THANK YOU FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND BLESS THE 11 MILLION PLUS
2 PEOPLE. IN THY NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

3

4 **OSCAR MAGANA:** CAN YOU PLEASE FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
5 ALLEGIANCE? [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

6

7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. WE'RE
10 DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY THE REVEREND WILLIAM D. SMART,
11 JR. AS YOU'VE LEARNED, HE'S THE CO-PASTOR OF THE CHRIST
12 LIBERATION CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. HE'S SERVED
13 AS THE PASTOR FOR MANY YEARS. HE CO-PASTORS WITH HIS WIFE. AND
14 YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT HE'S PASTORED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE
15 NATION TO ALABAMA, ARKANSAS AND VIRGINIA, NOW HERE IN
16 CALIFORNIA, SPECIFICALLY LOS ANGELES. AND IN ADDITION TO HIS
17 PASTORAL DUTIES, HE HAS WORKED IN FAITH-BASED ROLES AND
18 ACTIVISM, INCLUDING OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR FORMER PRESIDENT
19 WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON. AND WE TAKE NOTE OF HIS WORK AS AN
20 ADVOCATE, THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLERGY
21 OUTREACH FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE. AND HE WAS TRAINED AT
22 MILES COLLEGE IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS
23 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE. HE OBTAINED A MASTER'S OF DIVINITY
24 DEGREE FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY AND ALSO HELD POSITIONS IN
25 REGIONAL CHAPTERS OF NOTABLE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE NAACP



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1 AND CERTAINLY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. HE
2 CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL TRAINING AND
3 OUTREACH FOR THE LOS ANGELES ALLIANCE FOR A NEW ECONOMY. SO
4 WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE PASTOR SMART HERE. HE RESIDES IN LOS
5 ANGELES WITH HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. AND SO IT'S ON
6 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PASTOR SMART, THAT
7 WE THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US THIS MORNING AND DELIVERING
8 THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT
13 A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. OSCAR MAGANA. MR. MAGANA
14 SERVED IN THE FIFTH INFANTRY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM
15 1976 TO 1980. HE EARNED A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND A NATIONAL
16 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AS WELL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
17 HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO MR. MAGANA FOR HIS HONORABLE SERVICE TO
18 OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE AGENDA?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
23 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE
24 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND
25 2-D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY



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1 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
2 ONE WEEK TO MAY 24TH, 2011. ITEM NO. 2-D IS BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
5 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
8 AUTHORITY. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
9 HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
10 WEEK TO MAY 24TH, 2011.

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12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
13 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
16 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ITEM 1-P.

17

18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
19 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1
22 THROUGH 12, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
23 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, SUPERVISOR
24 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY
25 24TH, 2011. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 7, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY



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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 13
8 THROUGH 59. ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT
9 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
10 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 TO CONFER WITH THE COUNTY'S
11 LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM,
12 THERE ARE REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON
13 ITEM NO. 29, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
14 HOLD THIS ITEM. 29.

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16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 29.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 31, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES
19 NO ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NYMBER 32, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 44,
21 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
22 ITEM. 44. ON ITEM NUMBER 55, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES NO ON
23 THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 57, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE
25 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WITH MOLINA VOTING
4 NO ON 31 AND I'M VOTING NO ON 55, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 32, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION.
7 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM
8 NUMBER 60, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE
9 COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION AND
10 DISTRIBUTION, FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
11 COMPANY.

12

13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECOND
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 61 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
17 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLED 20 UTILITIES TO
18 AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ANNUALLY TRANSFER
19 FROM THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND TO THE ROAD FUND OR OTHER
20 FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 30 PERCENT OF FRANCHISE FEE
21 PAYMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

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23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECOND WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 33 SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 62
2 THROUGH 64. FOR EACH OF THESE I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR
3 THE RECORD. ON ITEM NUMBER 62, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
4 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
5 2011-12 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AGGREGATE
6 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE BILLION FIVE HUNDRED
7 MILLION DOLLARS TO MEET THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 CASH FLOW
8 NEEDS OF THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

9

10 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 63, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION
14 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
15 WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
16 ELECTION 2007 SERIES B MEASURE S IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
17 NOT TO EXCEED 35 MILLION DOLLARS.

18

19 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 64, THIS IS THE TREASURER
23 AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION
24 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTION 2007 SERIES



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1 B MEASURE Y IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN
2 MILLION NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND
3 THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS.

4

5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 65 THROUGH 67, ON
9 ITEM NUMBER 65, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
11 ONE WEEK TO MAY 24TH, 2011.

12

13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
14 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** EXCUSE ME ON ITEM NUMBER 66, SUPERVISOR
17 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BEING CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY
18 31ST, 2011.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED I.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 67, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
25 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 24TH, 2011.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS, SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 35, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
6 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
7 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 68-A.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 68-B, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS
13 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. 68-C?

14

15 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
16 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 38, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON
19 ITEM NO. CS-2, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
20 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 31ST, 2011.

21

22 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECOND WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS CS-2. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
2 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
3 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

4

5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY- EXCUSE ME. WE
6 HAVE A CONSUL GENERAL HERE FIRST. AT THIS TIME WE WOULD LIKE
7 TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO MEET THE NEW CONSUL
8 GENERAL FOR SOUTH AFRICA, THE HONORABLE CYRIL NDABA. HE WAS
9 BORN IN THE CITY OF DURBIN ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND DURBIN
10 LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE HAWAII WITH THE SUGAR CANES. IT'S A VERY
11 BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE RECEIVED HIS EARLY
12 EDUCATION AND ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND FOR HIS LAW
13 STUDIES. IN 1981, THREE YEARS INTO HIS STUDIES, HE BECAME
14 ACTIVE IN THE ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT, WAS SUSPENDED FROM
15 SCHOOL, BUT THEN LATER WENT BACK AND WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE HIS
16 DEGREE. HE BECAME AN EDUCATOR. AND AFTER TEACHING, HE BECAME A
17 DIPLOMAT. HE SERVED AS A DIPLOMAT IN NEW YORK FROM 1995 TO
18 1998. LATER, HE WAS POSTED IN RWANDA WHERE HE SERVED FOR FOUR
19 YEARS. HE CAME TO LOS ANGELES FROM LONDON WHERE HE WAS DEPUTY
20 HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.
21 ALTHOUGH HE'S BEEN LIVING HERE FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS, HE'S
22 BEEN ABLE TO BE ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY, MEETING OUR VARIOUS
23 CONSTITUENCIES, HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE 90-PLUS CONSULATES THAT
24 ARE POSTED HERE. WE WELCOME HIM AS THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL FOR
25 SOUTH AFRICA AND LOOK FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **CYRIL NDABA:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE
3 BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND ALL PROTOCOL OBSERVE. MAY I AT
4 THE OUTSET THANK THE L.A. COUNTY AND ALL THE LOS ANGELEIANS
5 FOR THE WARM WELCOME WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED IN THIS CITY SINCE
6 MY ARRIVAL HERE THREE MONTHS AGO. THE MESSAGE WHICH I'M
7 CARRYING FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
8 PEOPLE, I AM ACCEPTING THIS PLAQUE JUST HANDED OVER TO ME. THE
9 MESSAGE WHICH I CARRY, YOU KNOW THAT THE LIFE OF A DIPLOMAT
10 AND WHAT DIPLOMATS DO IN THE PAST IT HAS MAINLY BEEN POLITICAL
11 WORK. BUT THAT IS FAST CHANGING. 60 PERCENT OF THE WORK THAT
12 I'M SUPPOSED TO DO HERE IS PURELY ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY. AND THEN
13 THE REST POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AND WHAT HAVE YOU. AND WE TAKE
14 THE CALIFORNIANS THE LOS ANGELEIANS VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY
15 BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO BE LIKE YOU. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
16 INSPIRED AND ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO YOU. HOW YOU CHANGED THE
17 ECONOMIC SITUATION CHANGED IN THIS COUNTRY OF YOURS AND WHAT
18 IS IT THAT MAKES YOU TICK? TO SHOW OUR SERIOUSNESS, I HAD TO
19 PERSUADE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF
20 BUSINESS WHO IS ACCOMPANYING ME AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST
21 PRECIDENT OF THE DURBIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MR. CLIVE MANLY. I
22 PERSUADED HIM TO MAKE A STOPOVER HERE IN LOS ANGELES BECAUSE
23 WE ARE LOOKING FOR INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR SOUTH
24 AFRICA. HE IS ON HIS WAY TO LAS VEGAS WHERE HE'S ATTENDING A



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1 WORLD TOURISM MEETING OVER THERE. BUT HE IS WITH US BECAUSE WE
2 REALLY DO TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO PRESENTATIONS TODAY, SIR. MR. MAYOR, I
7 HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE TODAY.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO THE COUNTY SUPER STARS. LET US
10 HONOR NOW THE 2010 L.A. COUNTY SUPER STARS. THIS IS THE ANNUAL
11 AWARD THAT'S GIVEN TO THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST EMPLOYEES OF OUR
12 COUNTY. AND TODAY WE RECOGNIZE TWO OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL COUNTY
13 SUPER STARS AND THREE TEAMS. AUREA JAMORA A CLINICAL NURSTING
14 STUDENT, DIRECTOR I SHOULD SAY FROM OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL
15 CENTER. SHE IS A 2010 INDIVIDUAL WINNER IN THE CATEGORY OF
16 FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. SHE HAD REDUCED OVERTIME AND REGISTRY
17 USAGE IN THE NURSING DEPARTMENT AT OLIVE VIEW. THEY HELPED
18 SAVE THE COUNTY 580,000 DOLLARS PER MONTH WHILE STILL ALLOWING
19 THE COUNTY TO DELIVER QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES. SO THANK
20 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SAVING \$580,000.

21 [APPLAUSE.] ON PROBATION WE HAVE JOHN THOMPSON DEPUTY
22 PROBATION OFFICER II. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS HE HAS BEEN IN
23 THE HOUSING INTAKE COORDINATOR FOR THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
24 SERVICES. HE IS THE WINNER IN 2010 BECAUSE OF THE CATEGORY OF
25 EXCELLENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. HE ASSISTS THE



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1 YOUTH IN CRISES, THOSE EMANCIPATING FROM THE FOSTER CARE
2 SYSTEM TO FIND EMERGENCY, TEMPORARY OR TRANSITIONAL LIVING
3 ARRANGEMENTS. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE JOHN. [APPLAUSE.]
4 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK, I
7 HAVE SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING. I'D LIKE TO ASK PETER
8 BRAUN TO JOIN ME UP HERE FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION. WE'RE
9 JOINED HERE BY PETER BRAUN AND MARY HEWITT WHO ARE HERE TO- AS
10 PART OF THE L.A. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP BOARD. WELL, RUSS
11 MCCLEON, WHO IS NOT WITH US, IS PART OF THE LEADERSHIP BOARD.
12 PETER BRAUN IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES
13 AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION. AND THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US
14 AND MARY HEWITT IS WITH HIM, AS WELL. THEY'RE HERE AND WE'RE
15 ALL HERE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE FREE DIABETES
16 EXPO THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, FROM 10 O'CLOCK IN THE
17 MORNING UNTIL 4 IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION
18 CENTER. IF YOU TAKE METRO TO GET THERE, YOU CAN ENTER YOUR
19 RECEIPT IN A RAFFLE DRAWING. SO THERE'S AN ADVANTAGE AND
20 INCENTIVE TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION THIS SATURDAY FROM 10
21 A.M. TO 4 P.M. EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE DIABETES, IT'S STILL A
22 GOOD IDEA TO ATTEND AND GET CHECKED FOR EITHER BEING
23 PREDIABETIC OR HAVING DIABETES. MANY PEOPLE ARE WALKING AROUND
24 HAVING DIABETES OR PREDIABETES AND DON'T KNOW IT. I WAS ONE
25 SUCH PERSON WHO DIDN'T KNOW IT WHEN I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH



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1 DIABETES TWO YEARS AGO, SO I KNOW IT FROM A VERY PERSONAL
2 POINT OF VIEW. AT THE EXPO, THERE'S FREE HEAD TO TOE
3 PROFESSIONAL SCREENINGS INCLUDING BLOOD GLUCOSE, DENTAL
4 SCREENINGS, CHOLESTEROL. AND FOOD EXAMS. ALSO COOKING
5 DEMONSTRATIONS, FITNESS AND AND DANCE CLASSES AND EXPERT
6 SPEAKERS ON EVERY FACET OF DIABETES. FROM DIABETES 101 TO
7 DIABETES IN YOUR CHILD WITH BILINGUAL PRESENTATIONS IN BOTH
8 ENGLISH AND SPANISH. THE C.D.C. ESTIMATES, CENTER FOR DISEASE
9 CONTROL, THAT SOME 26 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE DIABETES, ROUGHLY
10 1 IN 10 ADULT AMERICANS. AND HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT'S
11 AN EVEN HIGHER RATIO, 1 IN 7 ANGELINOS HAVE DIABETES. MOST
12 HAVE TYPE 2 DIABETES. WHEN THE BODY BECOMES RESISTANT TO THE
13 EFFECTS OF INSULIN BUT A TYPE THAT RESPONDS WELL TO CHANGES IN
14 DIET AND EXERCISE. IT IS A DISEASE THAT CAN BE MANAGED. THE
15 PEOPLE WHO HAVE IT CAN LEAD QUITE A NORMAL LIFE AND A FULL
16 LIFE. LATINOS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS HAVE DIABETES AT RATES
17 MUCH HIGHER THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION, ALONG WITH THOSE OVER
18 AGE 65 WHO HAVE A HIGHER RATE. AND ADULTS LIVING BELOW THE
19 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO HAVE DIABETES
20 COMPARED TO HOUSEHOLDS AT OR ABOVE THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.
21 LOSING WEIGHT AND RAMPING UP PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CAN PREVENT THE
22 ONSET OF DIABETES AND HELP CONTROL OR REVERSE TYPE 2
23 DIABETES. FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE INTEGRAL TO A HEALTHY
24 DIET IN MODERATION, ESPECIALLY THE FRUIT PART. AND A CHALLENGE
25 FOR POOR HOUSEHOLDS LOCATED IN FOOD DESERTS WHERE IT'S HARD TO



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1 BUY FRESH PRODUCE. THE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OR
2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE AMERICAN
3 DIABETES ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP A SIX-WEEK COMPREHENSIVE
4 NUTRITION PROGRAM TO PREVENT AND MANAGE DIABETES, WHICH WILL
5 BE STARTING THIS AUGUST AND OFFERED TO ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
6 THROUGH THEIR WELLNESS DIRECTORS. SO I WANTED TO PRESENT THIS
7 PROCLAMATION TO YOU, THE BOARD, TODAY. PETER WANTS TO COMMEND
8 YOU, THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION AND DIABETES EXPO FOR
9 BRINGING TO A WIDER PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT
10 THIS HEALTH ISSUE, WHICH IS AN EPIDEMIC IN OUR SOCIETY,
11 ESPECIALLY HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND IT'S OF VITAL
12 COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE. WE WANT TO WISH YOU WELL ON THE EXPO AND
13 TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. AND I WOULD JUST SAY
14 ESPECIALLY KIDS TODAY, TEENAGERS, THIS IS THE FASTEST GROWING
15 DISEASE AMONG TEENAGERS FUELED BY OBESITY AND A LACK OF
16 EXERCISE. IF YOUR CHILD IS OBESE, SIGNIFICANTLY OVERWEIGHT,
17 HE'S NOT GETTING A LOT OF EXERCISE, HE OR SHE IS A WALKING
18 CANDIDATE FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES AND MAY ACTUALLY HAVE IT. AND IF
19 THEY DO, IT'S INCUMBENT UPON THE PARENTS TO GET WITH THE
20 PROGRAM AND DEAL WITH IT BECAUSE IT COULD BE A LONG,
21 COMPLICATED LIFE IF YOU DON'T FOR THAT YOUNG PERSON. AND FOR
22 THE REST OF US IN OUR MIDDLE AGES OR MIDDLE-AGED PERSONS OR
23 OLDER, THAT COVERS BOTH. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO GET THAT OUTM BUT
24 I SAID THAT WHEN I GOT DIAGNOSED, I KNEW I'D REACHED MIDDLE
25 AGE. BUT SERIOUSLY, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE SHOULD-



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1 IT'S EASILY CHECKED AND IT'S EASILY MANAGED IF YOU STICK TO
2 THE DISCIPLINE. SO, PETER, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO
3 SEE IF YOU WANTED TO SAY A WORD.

4

5 **PETER BRAUN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND I WANT TO
6 THANK YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
7 YOU HAVE ALL JOINED THE BATTLE AGAINST DIABETES. YOU HAVE ALL
8 BEEN AT OUR EVENTS. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN ENGAGED. YOU HAVE ALL
9 BEEN INVOLVED. BUT I'M HERE TO THANK YOUR DEPARTMENTS ALSO.
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTED BY
11 CYNTHIA BANKS, WHO'S BEEN SO INVOLVED AND SO HELPFUL TO
12 EDUCATE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY ABOUT THE INTERACTION BETWEEN
13 AGING AND DIABETES. I ALSO WANT TO SALUTE DR. FIELDING, THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DR. KATZ, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
15 SERVICES, FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENT AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE
16 BATTLE TO WIN THIS WAR. WE HAVE AN EPIDEMIC, AS SUPERVISOR
17 YAROSLAVSKY HAS SAID. BUT WE CAN WIN THAT. WE CAN TURN THAT
18 AROUND FOR THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
19 DIABETES, OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
20 IT IS CONTROLLABLE THROUGH MODERATE CHANGES IN LIFESTYLE. SO
21 WE URGE EVERYONE TODAY, EVERYONE WHO IS LISTENING AND HEARING
22 TO ATTEND OUR DIABETES EXPO AT THE L.A. CONVENTION CENTER THIS
23 SATURDAY, MAY 21ST. WE THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS AND YOUR DEPARTMENTS, AND I THANK SUPERVISOR



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1 YAROSLAVSKY, WHO KNOWS WELL, WHAT DIABETES CAN BE. SO THANK
2 YOU ONE AND ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO ASK DAN COHEN TO COME UP
5 HERE. I SAW HIS WIFE HERE, TOO. SO HILDA? HILDA, IF YOU'RE
6 HERE, COME ON UP, ALSO. PROBABLY GONE TO WORK. ALL RIGHT. THIS
7 IS THE SECOND TIME DANIEL RONNY AS WE CALL HIM, RONNIE COHEN,
8 HAS RETIRED ON ME. FIRST HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
9 INVESTMENTS AS MY FIRST APPOINTEE, I BELIEVE MY FIRST
10 APPOINTEE TO THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS WHERE HE SERVED WITH
11 GREAT DISTINCTION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND THE CONDITION OF
12 OUR PENSION FUND SO INSPIRED HIM THAT HE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO
13 SCHOOL TO BECOME A RABBI, WENT TO THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, TO THE
14 AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY, A SIX-YEAR REGIMENT TO BECOME A
15 RABBI, A THIRD CAREER. HE STARTED OFF AS A LINGUIST, THEN AS
16 AN ACCOUNTANT. AND THEN OUR PENSION SYSTEM GAVE YOU SUCH
17 INSPIRATION, RELIGIOUS INSPIRATION AND STIMULATION, THAT YOU
18 WANTED TO GO INTO THE CLERGY. AND BOARD OF INVESTMENTS' LOSS
19 WAS THE RABBINATE'S GAIN. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE CONVINCED
20 RONNY TO SERVE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-
21 OR OUR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEFERRED
22 COMPENSATION AND THRIFT PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR MORE
23 THAN SEVEN YEARS, THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. AND DURING HIS TERM AS
24 THE BOARD APPOINTEE, HE UPHELD HIS FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES
25 WITH THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND CONCERN FOR THE INTERESTS OF



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1 THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM. HAVING PREVIOUSLY SERVED, AS
2 I MENTIONED, AS THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO A PRIVATE
3 FOUNDATION AND AS A VICE CHAIR OF THE LACERA BOARD OF
4 INVESTMENTS, HE BROUGHT VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND FISCAL
5 GUIDANCE THAT LED TO THE STRATEGIC AND DISCIPLINED GROWTH OF
6 THE PLAN'S ASSETS. HAVING BEEN ORDAINED A RABBI DURING HIS
7 TENURE ON THE PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND HIS CURRENT
8 POSITION AS A PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE JEWISH HEALING AND
9 HOSPICE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES, HIS HOLISTIC APPROACH TO
10 RETIREMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONAL COMPASSION HAVE
11 SERVED PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES. SO THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS, RONNY, WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
13 CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY,
14 REALLY, 15 OR SO YEARS IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY. AND I KNOW
15 FROM WATCHING YOU AND FROM HEARING FROM THE PEOPLE AT LACERA
16 AND IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE ON THE PLAN ADMINISTRATION
17 COMMITTEE THAT YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE ASSET, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN
18 THE FIELD, UNCOMPROMISING INTEGRITY, AND ALWAYS WITH THE
19 FIDUCIARY INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY AND OF THE MEMBERS IN YOUR
20 SIGHTS. RONNY AND I GO BACK TO BEFORE WE WERE BORN BECAUSE OUR
21 PARENTS WERE CLOSE FRIENDS GOING BACK IN THE LATE 1920S AND
22 EARLY '30S. SO WE ALL GREW UP TOGETHER. AND I KNEW WHEN WE
23 SELECTED YOU FOR THESE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT YOU WERE THE GUY
24 FOR THE JOB, AND YOU WERE. I'M SORRY THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO
25 LEAVE, BUT I CAN'T ARGUE WITH IT. 15 YEARS IN A VOLUNTEER



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1 CAPACITY IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COUNTY. BUT
2 I KNOW WE'LL FIND OTHER WAYS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER
3 IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU, RONNY. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **DANIEL "RONNY" COHEN:** I JUST WANT TO SAY TO THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST IN ME. IT'S BEEN A
7 PLEASURE TO SERVE THE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY
8 AND TO WORK ON THEIR BEHALF. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ASSISTANT CHIEF
11 CRAIG KLEIN TO JOIN ME FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL.
12 RUSTY, DO YOU WANT TO COME UP? YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME UP, TOO.
13 COME ON. CRAIG KLEIN HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR 28 YEARS
14 IN THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, SOUTHERN DIVISION, WHERE HE
15 HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE RESIDENTS OF
16 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FULFILLING A WIDE ARRAY OF ROLES
17 RANGING FROM ROAD PATROL, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, COURT
18 OFFICER, APPLICANT INVESTIGATOR, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
19 COORDINATOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SOUTHERN
20 DIVISION CHIEF AND TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF AS WELL. HE
21 GRADUATED FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY IN 1983
22 AND BEGAN HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER WHERE HIS INTEGRITY,
23 STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND PRESENCE OF MIND WERE SOON
24 RECOGNIZED AND REWARDED OVER THE NEXT DECADE AS HE STEADILY
25 ASSUMED GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES AND MOVED UP THE RANKS. CRAIG



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1 WENT ON TO SERVE AS A PATROL OFFICER, A SERGEANT LIEUTENANT
2 AND WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN IN 2000 WHEN HE BECAME THE
3 COMMANDING OFFICER OF CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, ALTADENA, AND WEST
4 VALLEY AREAS. HE WAS ASSIGNED AS THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS
5 COMMANDER IN 2003, FOCUSING ON PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES RELATIVE
6 TO THE PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH. AND FINALLY
7 PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
8 DIVISION IN 2005. HIS LEADERSHIP ABILITY WAS FURTHER
9 DEMONSTRATED WHEN HE SERVED AS A 2007-2008 PRESIDENT OF THE
10 PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON WHOSE
11 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HE NOW SITS. HE SERVED AS A
12 VALUED MEMBER OF THE STATE STATEWIDE CHILD ABDUCTION TASKFORCE
13 AND ADVISOR TO THE AMBER ALERT PROGRAM BEING THE DEVOTED
14 FATHER OF TWO DAUGHTERS HIMSELF. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
15 CRAIG, WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND
16 COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS
17 AND EXTEND YOU SINCERE GOOD WISHES AND HEARTFELT THANKS FOR
18 YOUR DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR
19 RETIREMENT. A RICHLY DESERVED RETIREMENT. OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN
20 PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND WITH YOU IN
21 PARTICULAR. AND YOU'LL BE MISSED. WE HAVE BIG SHOES TO FILL
22 BUT YOU'VE EARNED IT. AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A PRODUCTIVE AND
23 SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]
24



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1 **CRAIG KLEIN:** WELL GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY. AND ALSO TO THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR THIS PRIVILEGE.
3 AND I ACCEPT THIS ON BEHALF OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN
4 UNIFORM. I'VE HAD AN AWFUL LOT OF HELP ALONG THE WAY. AND I'D
5 JUST SIMPLY LIKE TO SAY THAT IT'S TRULY BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND
6 AN HONOR FOR ME TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 FOR THE LAST 28 YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINALLY, MR. MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS
10 PROCLAMATION TO ERASE THE STIGMA YOUTH DAY AND I'D LIKE LIKE
11 TO CALL PHILLIPPE FONTILEA. I THINK I PRONOUNCED THAT
12 CORRECTLY? GOOD ENOUGH. THE THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG
13 ADOLESCENTS TODAY IS SUICIDE. AND SADLY ONLY 3 OUT OF 10
14 INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED HELP ACTUALLY SEEK HELP. LET'S ERASE THE
15 STIGMA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LETS, IS AN
16 ORGANIZATION FOR YOUTH DEDICATED TO CHANGING THE PERCEPTION OF
17 MENTAL ILLNESS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO STIMULATE
18 INTEREST AND AWARENESS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHERE
19 PREVIOUSLY THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INVOLVEMENT. ON MONDAY MAY
20 23RD, LETS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
21 HEALTH, WILL HOST ITS FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT AT THE
22 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT. AN INAUGURAL EVENT DESIGNED TO OFFER
23 YOUTH A PLATFORM TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP AND FOCUS ON MENTAL
24 HEALTH AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN WHICH 250 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
25 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS WILL HAVE AN



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OPENLY MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE
2 ASSOCIATED STIGMA. DEDICATING THIS ANNUAL DAY TO OUTREACH AND
3 EDUCATION WILL ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH, TEACHERS, FRIENDS AND
4 FAMILIES AS WELL AS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE LOS ANGELES
5 COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BEFORE AND DURING THEIR
6 JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE, THE TIME WHEN SO MANY PSYCHIATRIC
7 DISORDERS FIRST BECOME APPARENT. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
9 DECLARE MAY 23RD, 2011, LET'S ERASE THE STIGMA YOUTH DAY IN
10 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN RECOGNITION OF THE LET'S ERASE
11 THE STIGMA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION'S FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT
12 AND IN SUPPORT OF IT'S EFFORTS TO MOTIVATE OTHERS TO JOIN
13 TOGETHER IN ERASING THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS. THIS IS
14 REALLY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE REASONS CONTAINED IN THIS
15 RESOLUTION. YOU'RE IN THE VINEYARDS, TOILING IN THE VINEYARDS
16 ON THIS, SO IS THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE ALL
17 UNDERSTAND THIS. THIS SCOURGE ESPECIALLY AMONG TEENS, AND WE
18 WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING
19 TO REACH OUT TO THEM, EDUCATE THEM AND IN THE PROCESS I'M SURE
20 WILL SAVE MANY, MANY LIVES. THANK YOU, PHILLIPPE. BEFORE WE
21 ASK PHILLIPPE TO SAY, LET ME INTRODUCE OUR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL
22 HEALTH, MARVIN SOUTHARD, TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

23

24 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** STIGMA CAUSES HARM TO ALL AGE GROUPS AND IT'S
25 ONE OF THE BIGGEST BURDENS BORN BY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.



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1 BUT IT'S A PARTICULAR TRAGEDY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE BECAUSE THE
2 STIGMA RELATED TO MENTAL ILLNESS PREVENTS PEOPLE FROM GETTING
3 THE HELP THEY NEED. AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST OPPORTUNITY
4 TO RECOVER FULLY FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. BUT THAT RECOVERY WILL
5 ONLY HAPPEN IF THEY GET THE HELP THEY NEED. AND STIGMA IS AN
6 OBSTACLE THAT PREVENTS THAT FROM HAPPENING. SO, PHIL, I WANT
7 TO THANK YOU FOR THE EFFORTS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR DOING
8 THIS. AND THIS IS REALLY ONE OF THE UNIQUE THINGS WE HAVE IN
9 LOS ANGELES WHERE ORGANIZATIONS TAKE THE LEAD IN PARTNERSHIP
10 WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MAKING SURE THAT THE
11 RIGHT THINGS HAPPEN IN PUBLIC POLICY. SO PHILLIPPE, THANK YOU
12 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THAT REGARD.

13
14 **PHILIPPE FONTILEA:** I WANT TO SAY THIS IS FOR THE KIDS. I
15 CREATED THIS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN MENTAL
16 HEALTH, DUE TO MY MOTHER'S SITUATION, FOR A COUPLE OF DECADES.
17 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DIDN'T SEE WERE ENOUGH YOUTH
18 INVOLVED. AND BEING A CERTIFIED ROCK CLIMBING GUIDE, I DECIDED
19 THAT WORKING WITH KIDS WAS THE THING WE NEEDED TO DO IN MENTAL
20 HEALTH. AND IN A VERY SHORT TIME, IN LESS THAN A YEAR, WE'VE
21 GONE FROM A SMALL ORGANIZATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO
22 NOW A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHERE WE HAVE SCHOOLS ACROSS THE
23 NATION THAT ARE HAVING KIDS TALKING TO OTHER KIDS ABOUT
24 STIGMA. SO I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MAKING THIS DAY A REALITY. I WANT TO



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1 THANK DR. MARV SOUTHARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
2 FOR HELPING US TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. AND I REALLY WANT TO
3 THANK THE KIDS. I HAVE SO MANY, SO MANY STORIES OF HOW KIDS
4 HAVE ERASED THE STIGMA, HOW THEY HAVE COME IN AND BEEN
5 INVOLVED WITH TALKING TO OTHER KIDS BUT I WANT TO SHARE ONE
6 STORY. I WON'T CRY, I PROMISE BUT THERE WAS A YOUNG GIRL WHO
7 JOINED THE FIRST PILOT CLUB. AND SHE JOINED IT BECAUSE SHE HAD
8 A COUSIN WHO SUFFERED FROM AUTISM, WHO SUFFERS FROM AUTISM.
9 AND HER AUNT AND UNCLE WOULD NEVER ALLOW HER COUSIN TO COME
10 WITH HER TO THE MALL, WOULD NEVER ALLOW HER COUSIN TO GO
11 OUTSIDE BECAUSE OF STIGMA. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ANYBODY
12 ABOUT HER COUSIN. SO SHE GOT INVOLVED WITH LETS. AND WITHIN
13 LESS THAN THREE MONTHS, GUESS WHERE SHE GETS TO GO TO THE MALL
14 WITH? WHO GETS TO GO TO THE MALL WITH? HER COUSIN. BECAUSE SHE
15 WENT TO HER PARENTS, SHE WENT TO HER AUNT AND UNCLE. SHE
16 EXPLAINED TO THEM IT WAS JUST STIGMA AND THEY NEEDED TO ERASE
17 THAT AND THEY NEEDED TO EMBRACE THE FACT THAT HER COUSIN IS
18 DIFFERENT. AND THIS IS JUST ONE STORY OF THE HUNDREDS OF
19 STORIES THAT HAVE HAPPENED WITH THIS VERY SMALL ORGANIZATION.
20 SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU. THIS IS A DREAM. SO THANK YOU, GUYS,
21 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MICROPHONE? WOW, WE HAVE THE WHOLE TEAM HERE, ALL
2 RIGHT. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE AWARDS THAT WE'VE DONE FOR SEVERAL
3 YEARS NOW, AND IT'S ONE THAT NEVER GETS OLD. AND THAT IS TO
4 HONOR AND RECOGNIZE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION
5 HOSPITAL AS ONE OF THE TOP HOSPITALS IN THE UNITED STATES OF
6 AMERICA. [APPLAUSE.] I HAVE EVERYONE'S NAME HERE. I HOPE I CAN
7 GET THROUGH IT ALL. BUT, ANYWAY, WE GOT DR. KATZ WITH US HERE
8 AND JORGE OROSCO, THE C.E.O. OUT THERE AS WELL AS OUR CHIEF
9 MEDICAL OFFICER, DR. MINDY, WITH US AS WELL AS OTHERS THAT ARE
10 ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS AND GREAT EMPLOYEES OF THE GREAT RANCHO
11 LOS AMIGOS. TWO OUTSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE HERE, THEY'RE YOUNG
12 AND THAT IS BOBBY JEAN TAMBER, WHO ALSO SERVES AS MY
13 COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN, A GREAT PATIENT
14 ADVOCATE, GILBERT SALINAS WHO HAS CREATED AN INCREDIBLE
15 PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY AND FOLLOW UP WITH THE PATIENTS.
16 AND THAT'S WHY THIS HOSPITAL CONTINUES TO BE RECOGNIZED EACH
17 AND EVERY YEAR FOR THEIR ABILITY TO CARE FOR THE PATIENTS. AND
18 NOT ONLY DO THEY DO IT FROM A MEDICAL STANDPOINT WITH AN
19 INCREDIBLE STAFF FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, BUT THEY DO IT IN
20 TEACHING THEM THE ABILITY TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN LIFE
21 THROUGH ART, THROUGH DISABILITIES, THROUGH SPORTS, ACTIVITIES,
22 WHATEVER IT MAY BE. SO THE FACT IS, AS AGAIN THEY WERE
23 RECOGNIZED BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ON THE AMERICA'S BEST
24 HOSPITALS LIST, THIS YEAR OUR WORLD RENOWN FACILITY RANKED
25 SEVENTH OUT OF 138 HOSPITALS RANKED HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND



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1 ORANGE COUNTIES AND WAS THE ONLY REHABILITATION HOSPITAL
2 LISTED. [APPLAUSE.] AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, RANCHO IS A COUNTY-
3 OWNED AND OPERATED REHABILITATION HOSPITAL AND IS OBVIOUSLY A
4 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT RESOURCE TO THOSE FOLKS HERE IN OUR
5 COUNTY WITH DISABILITIES. IT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST
6 COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH
7 OVER 395 LICENSED BEDS PROVIDING FOR PATIENTS' RECOVERY,
8 REHABILITATION AND THE MOST IMPORTANT PART, THE REINTEGRATION
9 INTO SOCIETY. RANCHO HAS 2,300 ANNUAL INPATIENT ADMISSIONS,
10 53,000 OUTPATIENT VISITS, HAS A RENOWN MEDICAL STAFF
11 REPRESENTING SURGICAL, MEDICAL AND DENTAL SPECIALTIES REQUIRED
12 FOR THE CATASTROPHICALLY DISABLED. RANCHO HAS BEEN ANOTHER
13 LEADER IN THE REHABILITATIVE INNOVATION, INCORPORATING
14 TECHNOLOGY AND ART FOR BOTH PHYSICAL AS WELL AS EMOTIONAL
15 REHAB. THROUGH ART, SPORTS, AND OTHER CREATIVE OUTLETS, AS I
16 SAID, RANCHO HELPS PATIENTS NOT ONLY OVERCOME THEIR PHYSICAL
17 CHALLENGES BUT ALSO GIVES THEM THE CONFIDENCE TO MOVE INTO
18 SELF-SUFFICIENCY. SO WE ARE SO FORTUNATE HERE IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY TO HAVE THIS WORLD RENOWN REKNOWN FACILITY RIGHT HERE
20 IN OUR OWN BACKYARD AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY. SO ON
21 BEHALF OF MYSELF, AND MY COLLEAGUES, THE 10 MILLION PLUS
22 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HOW ABOUT A HIP HIP HURRAY
23 ONCE AGAIN, NO. SEVEN IN THE UNITED STATES, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS,
24 NATIONAL REHABILITATION HOSPITAL, MITCH? [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I'M SO PROUD TO
2 BE ASSOCIATED WITH RANCHO. AND MY GOAL IS THAT WITHIN FIVE
3 YEARS ALL FOUR OF THE COUNTY HOSPITALS WILL BE ON THE LIST OF
4 AMERICA'S BEST HOSPITALS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **MINDY AZIN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M MINDY AZIN, I'M THE CHIEF
7 MEDICAL OFFICER AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF
8 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, MICHAEL
9 ANTONOVICH, MAYOR, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, GLORIA MOLINA, TRULY A
10 PARTNER FOR RANCHO. WE SERVE ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. WE HAVE VERY STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH LAC+USC, WITH
12 U.C.L.A. WE ARE HERE TO SERVE. I THINK IT'S REALLY INTERESTING
13 THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY WHEN WE'RE ERASING THE STIGMA OF
14 DIABETES AND THE STIGMA OF MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS. THERE IS A
15 TERRIBLE STIGMA ABOUT HAVING A DISABILITY. AND 20 PERCENT OF
16 AMERICANS HAVE A DISABILITY. SOME OF US ARE TEMPORARILY ABLE-
17 BODIED AND SOME OF US ON THE STAGE HAVE A VISIBLE DISABILITY.
18 RANCHO IS REALLY A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE. I'M THRILLED TO BE
19 THERE. I'M AN EAST COAST PERSON. I'VE ONLY BEEN AT RANCHO TWO
20 YEARS. BUT MY BACKGROUND IS IN ENGINEERING AND NEUROLOGY. AND
21 WE'VE BROUGHT SOME VERY INTERESTING NEW TECHNOLOGIES INTO
22 RANCHO TO SAVE MONEY AND TO EXTEND THE QUALITY OF CARE AND
23 CARE INTO THE COMMUNITY. I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT OUR C.E.O.,
24 BILL FUJIOKA, HIRED MITCH KATZ BECAUSE HE IS GIVING US THE
25 LEADERSHIP, LEADING BY EXAMPLE, TO ALLOW ME TO MAKE TOUGH



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1 DECISIONS ABOUT HOLDING OUR PHYSICIANS MORE ACCOUNTABLE AND
2 GIVING COMPREHENSIVE CARE IN A PATIENT-CENTERED MANNER,
3 MEANING WE REALLY SEE WHAT THE PATIENT NEEDS AND WANTS AND
4 WHAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE. AND WE'RE SEEKING TO PROVIDE A
5 COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CARE FOR STROKE AND SPINAL INJURY AND
6 DIABETES AND LIMB LOSS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS BECAUSE UP
7 UNTIL NOW, IT'S BEEN REALLY A KIND OF CHAOTIC, EPISODIC KIND
8 OF CARE. I'LL JUST SAY ONE LAST THING. I JUST CAME BACK FROM
9 WASHINGTON, D.C. IN WASHINGTON, MANY OF THE GROUPS THAT USED
10 TO FUND RANCHO, LIKE THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DISABILITY AND
11 REHAB RESEARCH, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THOUGHT
12 RANCHO HAD CLOSED. AND RANCHO LOST ITS MODEL SYSTEM DELEGATION
13 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR SPINAL INJURY. AND I SAID TO
14 THEM, NO, NO, WE'RE VERY MUCH OPEN, ALIVE, GROWING, A MORE
15 COMPREHENSIVE SPINAL CORD PROGRAM. WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU FOR
16 YOUR SUPPORT INFORMING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT WE ARE HERE
17 AND WE'RE HERE TO STAY. I WAS INVITED TO VISIT THE N.S.F.
18 BECAUSE THEY HEARD ABOUT OUR NEW ROBOTICS PROGRAM. AND THEY
19 ARE PREPARED TO INVEST SOME MONEY INTO RANCHO SO THAT WE CAN
20 BE A DEMONSTRATION CENTER FOR ROBOTICS IN REHABILITATION, TO
21 INCREASE RECOVERY IN PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY, SPINAL
22 INJURY, AND STROKE. AND, FINALLY, I HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING
23 WITH THE V.A. IN WASHINGTON D.C. TO TALK ABOUT THEIR RURAL AND
24 TELEHEALTH PROGRAMS. AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANY TELEREHAB
25 PROGRAMS. SO I THINK RANCHO REALLY IS ON THE UPSWING AND WE



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1 COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP. AND I
2 THANK ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY. WE HAVE REPRESENTATION
3 FROM NURSING, FROM PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, PHYSICIANS, OBVIOUSLY
4 JORGE IS AN AMAZING BOSS, NOT ALWAYS. NO, HE'S AN AMAZING BOSS
5 WHO PROMOTES CREATIVITY AND KEEPS ME ON A RELATIVELY LONG
6 LEASH. THANK YOU SO MUCH, THE HONORABLE MR. KNABE. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. JORGE WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? ALRIGHT,
9 ANYWAY, SO AGAIN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR RANCHO. GO
10 RANCHO! [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE, DON? WE'RE GOING
13 TO CONTINUE WITH THE STARS AND NOW WE WANT TO WELCOME THE ROAD
14 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 5, CHIP SEAL TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 PUBLIC WORKS. WITH LIMITED PROPOSITION 1-B FUNDING, THEY LOOK
16 FOR INNOVATIVE WAYS TO PRESERVE APPROXIMATELY 1,400 MILES OF
17 COUNTY ROADS IN OUR AREA. AFTER REVIEWING POTENTIAL TREATMENTS
18 AN ASPHALT SURFACE SEALER WITH THE POLYMER MODIFIER PROVED TO
19 BE A VERY EFFECTIVE MEANS. EXTENDING THE PAVEMENT USEFUL LIFE
20 BY FIVE TO TEN YEARS AND SAVING TAXPAYERS OVER FIVE MILLION
21 DOLLARS. SO CONGRATULATIONS. AND WE WILL DO A PHOTO. FOR FIVE
22 MILLION DOLLARS? OKAY. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE WANT TO BRING UP THE
23 TEAM THAT LAUNCHED THE ELECTRONICS SUSPECT CHILD ABUSE REPORT
24 SYSTEM, SCARS. THIS PROGRAM WAS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE
25 D.A.'S OFFICE, OUR SHERIFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND



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1 FAMILY SERVICES. E-SCARS IS A FULLY INTEGRATED WEB-BASED
2 SYSTEM THAT FACILITATES INFORMATION SHARING OF SUSPECTED CHILD
3 ABUSE ALLEGATIONS AMONG CHILD WELFARE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 AGENCIES. PRIOR TO E-SCARS, THE CROSS REPORTING BETWEEN
5 AGENCIES WAS LABOR INTENSIVE AND INEFFICIENT. SUSPECTED CHILD
6 ABUSE REPORTS WERE EITHER FAXED OR MAILED OR NOT SENT AT ALL,
7 WHICH RESULTED IN ERRORS AND DELAYS AND POLICE RESPONSES,
8 LEAVING CHILDREN IN POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS. SO WE
9 WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM OF THE E-SCARS TEAM FOR DOING A
10 GOOD JOB. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE HAVE THE D.H.S.
11 SYSTEM-WIDE NURSE COMPETENCY COMMITTEE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 HEALTH SERVICES. IN 2008, THE COMMITTEE EMBARKED ON THE
13 DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED NURSING CORE COMPETENCY
14 ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL LICENSED AND UNLICENSED NURSING STAFF AT
15 EACH OF OUR COUNTY AND FACILITY CLINICAL PROGRAMS. AS A
16 RESULT, A TOTAL OF 8,041 D.H.S. LICENSED AND UNLICENSED
17 COMPLETED THE COMPETENCY EXAMINATION TESTING. SO WE WANT TO
18 THANK YOU FOR TESTING THEM. HOW MANY PASSED? 100 PERCENT? 90
19 PERCENT? 50 PERCENT? 95 PERCENT PASSED. CONGRATULATIONS.
20 [LAUGHTER.] CONGRATULATIONS. [LAUGHTER.] NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO
21 BRING UP OSCAR MAGANA SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS UNITED STATES
22 ARMY, ROBERT SAXON DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
23 AS WE ARE GOING TO PROCLAIM MAY 21ST, 2011 AS "ARMED FORCES
24 DAY" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. EACH YEAR, WE SET
25 ASIDE THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY TO HONOR THESE BRAVE MEN AND



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1 WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMY, THE NAVY, THE AIR FORCE,
2 MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD, NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES, WHO
3 SERVED OUR NATION WITH HONOR, COURAGE AND PRIDE. THE UNITED
4 STATES MILITARY SERVES ACROSS THE WORLD ON LAND, SEA AND IN
5 THE AIR TO KEEP US SAFE FROM THE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS.
6 LAST WEEK, THE MEMBERS OF THE NAVY SEAL TEAM SIX TOOK PART IN
7 THE DARING RAID OF OSAMA BIN LADIN'S COMPOUND IN PAKISTAN,
8 KILLING BIN LADEN IN THE PROCESS AND BRINGING JUSTICE TO THE
9 3,000 LIVES LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. [APPLAUSE.] SACRIFICES OF
10 OUR PERSONNEL NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED AND REMEMBERED, SUPPORTING
11 THE TROOPS IS VITAL. ON THE 61ST "ARMED FORCES DAY", WE
12 SOLEMNLY PLEDGE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VALIANT MEN AND WOMEN OF
13 THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. AGAIN, IN APRIL, I SHOULD SAY
14 IN MAY WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING AT ARCADIA PARK OUR ARMED
15 FORCES PROGRAM WITH ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE. YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO
16 COME TO ARCADIA PARK FOR THAT. SO HERE'S THE PROCLAMATION,
17 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE WANT TO BRING UP THOSE WHO
18 DID THE IMPOSSIBLE, AND THAT WAS BRINGING A CHAMPIONSHIP
19 HOCKEY TEAM TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE'D
20 LIKE TO CALL UP COACH JOHN TAPHINER, ANDREW MCDONALD, JIMMY
21 SCOURGE, MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYON'S HOCKEY CLUB.
22 IN RECOGNITION OF BEING THE 2010-2011 AMERICAN COLLEGIATE
23 HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DIVISION THREE CHAMPIONS WITHOUT HAVING
24 SNOW THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, RIGHT? THE CLUB, THREE YEARS OLD,
25 CONTINUES TO PROVE SKEPTICS WRONG ACROSS THE NATION. AT THEIR



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1 SCHOOL, MANY MESSAGE BOARDS WOULD TELL THE CLUB MEMBERS TO
2 STICK TO SURFING AND LEAVE HOCKEY TO THE EAST COAST. HOWEVER
3 FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON THEY MADE THEIR TRIP TO THE
4 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WHERE THEY FINISHED FIFTH LAST YEAR AND
5 14TH IN 2009. THE COUGARS WON THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT PACIFIC
6 COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION IN FEBRUARY FINISHING THE REGULAR
7 UNBEATEN SEASON AT 21-0, WINNING EVERY GAME WITH AT LEAST TWO
8 GOALS. IN MARCH, THE TEAM TRAVELED TO HOLLAND, MICHIGAN, FOR
9 THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND THE COUGARS PLAYED FIVE GAMES
10 IN FOUR DAYS TO TAKE HOME THEIR FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, A
11 FIVE TO THREE VICTORY OVER HOPE COLLEGE OF MICHIGAN WHO DIDN'T
12 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPERIENCING GOOD SUNSHINE IN SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA. SO CONGRATULATIONS. WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS
14 PROCLAMATION. [APPLAUSE.]

15
16 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
17 HAVING US HERE TODAY AND BRINGING HOME THE FIRST NATIONAL
18 CHAMPIONSHIP. THIS PROGRAM ALWAYS STARTED OUT TO BE FOR THE
19 STUDENTS AND GIVING YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYERS A CHANCE TO FURTHER
20 THEIR EDUCATION WHILE PLAYING HOCKEY. AND IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
21 ABOUT THEM. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM FOR BRINGING HOME THE
22 FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HERE TO LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

23
24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE PUBLIC WORKERS WEEK. GAIL
25 FARBER IS HERE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCLAIM



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1 THE WEEK OF MAY 15TH THROUGH THE 21ST AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS
2 WEEK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. PUBLIC WORKS WEEK SERVES AS A
3 REMINDER OF THE VALUE OF PUBLIC WORKS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND
4 AS PART OF THAT CELEBRATION WE WANT TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND
5 APPRECIATION FOR THE PROFESSION. IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
6 WE PROVIDE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO
7 PROTECT AND ENRICH THE DAILY LIVES OF OVER TEN MILLION PEOPLE
8 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT IS DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THE
9 SERVICE-ORIENTED RESOLVE OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES, FROM
10 ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPPORT STAFF, TO THE CREWS IN THE FIELD.
11 SO LET ME GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND CONGRATULATE YOU.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **GAIL FARBER:** WOW. IT'S BEAUTIFUL. THIS IS ABOUT, WOW, THIS IS
15 REALLY ABOUT INDIVIDUALS THAT BELIEVE IN PUBLIC SERVICE
16 SITTING OVER THERE. IT'S ABOUT THE UNSUNG HEROS, THE MEN AND
17 WOMEN OF PUBLIC WORKS WHO SERVE IN QUIET DEDICATION,
18 PROTECTING AND ENRICHING THE DAILY LIVES OF OVER TEN MILLION
19 PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WHETHER IT'S DESIGNING AND
20 DELIVERING PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, HIGH
21 PERFORMING FACILITIES FOR SERVICES AND PEOPLE TO THRIVE, OR
22 WHETHER IT'S ENSURING SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLIES AND
23 PROTECTING HEALTHY WATERSHEDS AND RESTORING NATURAL HABITATS
24 OR REDUCING FLOOD RISK TO OUR COMMUNITIES, OR WHETHER IT'S
25 ABOUT LEADING AND INSPIRING SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES TOWARD A



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1 WASTE-FREE FUTURE. WHETHER IT'S ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, IF IT'S
2 ABOUT PROVIDING SAFE, CLEAN AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION
3 SYSTEMS AND CHOICES AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY SO THAT WE HAVE
4 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, WE ENHANCE MOBILITY AND IMPROVE THE
5 QUALITY OF LIFE, WHETHER IT'S ABOUT, I'M GOING TO KEEP GOING,
6 WHETHER IT'S ABOUT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, HELPING PEOPLE BUILD
7 THEIR DREAMS AND PROVIDE EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND
8 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES TO GROW AND TO THRIVE.
9 AND WHETHER IT'S ABOUT ENSURING THAT WE MAINTAIN A HIGHLY
10 EQUIPPED WORKFORCE READY TO RESPOND AND RECOVER FROM DAILY
11 INCIDENTS, LOCAL EMERGENCIES OR MAJOR DISASTERS. OVER THE
12 3,600 MEN AND WOMEN OF PUBLIC WORKS, WE STAND TODAY AND SAY
13 WE'RE READY TO SERVE. SO MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD, THANK
14 YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND THANK YOU FOR THIS
15 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

16
17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NOW WE HAVE LITTLE DAISY WHO IS
18 A CHIHUAHUA MIX, FIVE MONTHS OLD. AND LOVES PUBLIC WORKS.
19 MAYBE SOME PUBLIC WORKS WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE DAISY. HI,
20 HOW ARE YOU DOING? SO LITTLE DAISY LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY
21 FROM PROBATION LIKE DAISY? 562-728-4644. ANYBODY IN THE
22 AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE DAISY? COMES WITH A NICE
23 SWEATER. VERY ALERT. LOOKING FOR A HOME.



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. PERMIT ME TO ADJOURN
2 IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. CLAUDIA ANN CALDWELL,
3 BORN APRIL 16TH, 1945 IN BOULDER, COLORADO AND PASSED ON APRIL
4 THE 27TH AT THE AGE OF 66. HER FAMILY RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES
5 IN 1946 WHEN SHE WAS A YOUNG CHILD. AND SHE ATTENDED LOS
6 ANGELES SCHOOLS. SHE GRADUATED FROM LOS ANGELES HIGH AND
7 RECEIVED A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY LOS
8 ANGELES. SHE RECEIVED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM
9 COLUMBIA AND DEDICATED 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF
10 LOS ANGELES HELPING TO UNITE FAMILIES THROUGH ADOPTION. SOME
11 OF HER MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES INCLUDED AN OPPORTUNITY IN
12 THE 1960S, AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO SERVE AS WHAT WAS
13 THEN CALLED A KENNEDY GIRL. AND IN 1965 WHEN SHE JOINED HER
14 MOTHER, GWEN GREEN IN THE SOUTH TO ASSIST DR. MARTIN LUTHER
15 KING IN HIS SUMMER COMMUNITY VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT. SHE
16 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER CHARMING AND FUN PERSONALITY AND
17 FOR HER LOVE OF SPORTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER GWEN,
18 HER SON, ROBERT EARL, HER SISTER ROBIN AND MANY NIECES,
19 NEPHEWS AND AN EXTENDED FAMILY. THEN FATHER PAUL BANET, BORN
20 JUNE 30TH, 1921 IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, PASSED ON APRIL 30TH.
21 HE RESIDED AT THE TIME IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AT THE AGE OF
22 89. FATHER BANET ATTENDED ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, ST.
23 JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN PURDUE UNIVERSITY. 1942, HE JOINED
24 A SPECIAL UNIT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY THAT REQUIRED STUDIES
25 AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. AND IN 1947, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A



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1 UNIT IN NORMANDY, FRANCE, DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. IN
2 DECEMBER OF THAT YEAR, HE WAS INJURED AND TAKEN PRISONER FOR
3 NEARLY FIVE MONTHS UNTIL HE WAS FREED BY THE RUSSIAN ARMY IN
4 MAY OF 1945. IN NOVEMBER OF THAT SAME YEAR, HE WAS DISCHARGED
5 AS A CORPORAL AND RECEIVED THE PURPLE HEART AND MANY COMBAT
6 BADGES. HE THEN ATTENDED ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE AND EARNED DEGREES
7 IN BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY. HIS UPBRINGING AND EXPERIENCE HAS
8 LED HIM TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE 1949 HE BEGAN STUDIES WITH
9 JOSEPHITES AND WAS ORDAINED IN 1955. AND FROM 1968 THROUGH
10 1972 HE SERVED THE ST. VERONICA PARISH IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
11 AND IN 1976, HE WENT TO SAINT PETER CLAVER IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.
12 HE RELOCATED THEN TO SAINT BRIGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THAT WE
13 ALL KNOW HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND THAT WAS IN 1984 WHERE HIS
14 LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE HELPED THE CHURCH EARN THE
15 N.A.A.C.P.'S AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE SOUTHERN
16 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PROPHETIC WITNESS AWARD. IN
17 1992, HE MOVED TO THE HOLY ROSARY CHURCH IN DALLAS, TEXAS AND
18 SERVED THERE UNTIL HE RETIRED IN 2008. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
19 FOR HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AND HIS ABILITY TO MAKE EVERYONE HE MET
20 FEEL WELCOMED AND LOVED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER VICTORIA
21 MALSURY AND A HOST OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS. MR. MAYOR, THAT
22 CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

23
24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYOR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MAY I THEN
2 DIRECT OUR ATTENTION TO ITEM 13. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING,
3 ALTHOUGH IT'S BEING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION, THAT THERE ARE
4 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THEY THEN
5 COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

6

7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NICOLE PARSON, ANDREA GORDON? OH IN
8 LANCASTER? OKAY. NICOLE, GOOD MORNING?

9

10 **NICOLE PARSON:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SIR.

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES, NICOLE.

13

14 **NICOLE PARSON:** OKAY, THANKS. THANK YOU. I JUST SUPPORT THE RE-
15 ALIGNMENT OF THE STATE BUDGET, THE PAROLE AND STUFF. I THINK
16 THAT IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR THE PUBLIC AND JUST THE WAY THAT
17 WE ALIGN IT. AND THEN SINCE I'M HERE, I THINK IT WAS ITEM 66
18 WHERE THE FAMILY PRESERVATION, THE FAMILY PRESERVATION
19 PROGRAM, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL INCLUDED THE BLACK INFANT
20 HEALTH HERE IN LANCASTER. BUT I THINK THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
21 INCLUDED BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED.
22 SO IF WE COULD ADD THOSE, PLEASE MR., BLACK INFANT HEALTH, MR.
23 ANTONOVICH, FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION. AND SCARS, YOU MADE ME
24 CRY JUST RIGHT THERE. WHEN YOU GUYS DID THAT. THAT'S IT. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. BLACK INFANTS PROGRAM, WE
3 ARE FINANCING, BUT THAT'S UNDER ANOTHER, ON FIRST FIVE. BUT
4 THIS ISSUE IS DEALING WITH ANOTHER TOPIC. BUT THANK YOU,
5 NICOLE. NORMA JOHNSON? YOLANDA LAWRENCE? ROBERT BIGLOW? RALPH,
6 DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK FIRST? I JUST HAD THESE IN ORDER. RALPH,
7 WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST. I WAS JUST GOING IN THE ORDER THAT I
8 HAD.

9

10 **RALPH MILLER:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. AND PLEASE EXCUSE ME
11 MY VOICE THIS MORNING, I HAVE A COLD. WE'LL START BY THANKING
12 YOU FOR RECONSIDERING THIS MATTER, TAKING A SECOND LOOK AT IT.
13 WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS BUDGETARY CRISIS AT THE COUNTY
14 LEVEL, AT THE STATE LEVEL. WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THAT.
15 BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT THESE OFFICES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT,
16 DEDICATED OFFICES TO COUNTY SERVICE, THAT THERE IS A PLACE FOR
17 THEM WITHIN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I KNOW THAT TWO OF THE
18 REASONS STATED HAVE BEEN THE SO-CALLED OVERHIRES. WE BELIEVE
19 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 150 SOME ODD PEOPLE THAT CAN BE
20 ABSORBED INTO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THERE'S A PLACE FOR
21 THEM. SO WE BELIEVE THAT THERE'S NOT A NEED TO LAY THESE
22 PEOPLE OFF. THE OTHER REASON STATED FOR LAYING OFF PEOPLE HAVE
23 BEEN THE DROP IN THE JUVENILE HALL POPULATION. THE JUVENILE
24 HALL POPULATION GOES UP AND IT GOES DOWN. THAT'S A CONTINUING
25 PROCESS. BUT WE BELIEVE TO LAY THEM OFF NOW WOULD BE



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1 PREMATURE. THE POPULATION ALSO GOES DOWN BECAUSE OF CRITERIA.
2 IF YOU DECIDE THAT YOU WANT TO NOT LOCK UP PEOPLE, YOU CAN
3 JUST LET THEM GO. YOU CAN REDUCE THE POPULATION TO ZERO IF YOU
4 CHANGE THE CRITERIA. BUT THIS IS TRULY A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE
5 AND AFFECTS YOUR DISTRICT. THESE JUVENILES WE'RE DEALING WITH,
6 THEY'RE TOUGH KIDS. THEY'RE FROM SOME OF THE TOUGHEST
7 NEIGHBORHOODS IN YOUR DISTRICT. THEY NEED THE HELP OF OUR
8 PEACE OFFICERS TO STRAIGHTEN THEIR LIVES OUT. WE NEED TO MAKE
9 THE JUVENILE HALLS AND THE CAMPS AFTERCARE AND THE ENTIRE
10 CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO HELP THESE JUVENILES. FOR
11 MANY OF THESE KIDS, WE ARE THEIR LAST CHANCE. WE ALSO BELIEVE
12 THAT TO START LAYING OFF STAFF IN THE JUVENILE HALLS WILL
13 AFFECT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 JUSTICE. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS COME INTO THE COUNTY A
15 NUMBER OF TIMES AND CRIED FOUL ON THE WAY TO THE PROBATION
16 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RUN. THIS TIME THEY CAME INTO THE HALLS
17 AND SAID THEY WERE UNDERSTAFFED AND MISMANAGED. YOU DID WHAT
18 IT TOOK TO SET THINGS RIGHT. THEY GAVE YOU SORT OF THE STAMP
19 OF APPROVAL AND WENT BACK TO D.C., SORT OF. THEY DON'T COME IN
20 LIGHTLY. SOMETHING HAS TO BE REALLY, REALLY WRONG FOR D.O.J.
21 TO COME IN. AND SOMETHING WAS REALLY, REALLY WRONG. OUR UNION,
22 NORM'S UNION, HAVE TOLD YOU REPEATEDLY THAT THERE WAS
23 SOMETHING WRONG. IN FACT, WE'VE EVEN GONE TO COURT JUST LIKE
24 D.O.J. TO MAKE THAT POINT. SO NOW THAT THEY'RE GONE, WHAT IS
25 THE PLAN? REDUCED STAFF, LAYOFF PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO MAKE



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1 PROBATION A PROFESSION AND CHANGE THE REPORTING STRUCTURE IN
2 THE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS LIKE A CORPORATION HIRING A BLUE CHIP
3 MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, TAKE THEIR ADVICE AND THEN KISS THEM
4 GOODBYE AND THEN TURN THE COMPANY UPSIDE DOWN. AS AN EMPLOYEE
5 OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I URGE YOU TO STOP AND RETHINK
6 YOUR POSITION. WE ARE HERE TO WORK WITH YOU. WE ARE HERE TO
7 PROBLEM SOLVE WITH YOU. WE ARE HERE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FOR
8 YOU. WE ARE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS. THANK YOU.

9 [APPLAUSE.] [LOUD CHEERING].

10

11 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. AS YOU KNOW, YOU'VE BEEN HERE
12 MANY TIMES, WE DON'T ALLOW APPLAUSE BUT IF YOU WANT TO SHOW
13 YOUR SUPPORT, JUST WAVE YOUR HANDS UP IN THE AIR LIKE THAT,
14 THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THERE YOU GO, YOU GOT IT. OKAY, YES
15 MA'AM.

16

17 **ANDREA GORDON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. C.E.O. FUJIOKA, I
18 APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE SO FAR WORKING WITH US. YOUR
19 WILLINGNESS TO PUT THIS MATTER OVER TO A PRIVATE DISCUSSION IN
20 EXECUTIVE SESSION. THERE ARE MANY, MANY ISSUES AFFECTING WHAT
21 IT IS WE DO AND HOW WE DO IT. D.O.J. IS JUST ONE OF THEM. BUT
22 OVER THE YEARS, OUR STAFF HAVE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE THE
23 QUALITY OF SERVICE AND THE LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT WAS ALWAYS
24 NEEDED AND ALWAYS DEMANDED OF OUR STAFF. IT DIDN'T TAKE JUST
25 THE D.O.J. THAT HAD TO DO WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF



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1 ADMINISTRATION IN OUR DEPARTMENT. IT DIDN'T HAVE TO DO
2 NECESSARILY WITH THE DAY-TO-DAY LINE WORK AND INTERACTION
3 BETWEEN CHILDREN AND THE STAFF WHO CARED FOR THEM. OUR STAFF
4 HAVE ALWAYS DONE QUALITY EFFORT AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO,
5 EVEN IN THE FACE OF A TERRIBLE FISCAL CRISIS. RALPH WAS RIGHT.
6 WE DON'T HAVE ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT HOW BAD IT COULD BE AND THAT
7 IT COULD GET MUCH WORSE. BUT WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU CONSIDER
8 WHAT'S BEEN DONE SO FAR, THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE TOGETHER TO
9 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE AND THE TYPES OF SERVICES THAT
10 WE PROVIDE TO THESE KIDS. THE JUVENILE HALLS ARE JUST ONE
11 ASPECT OF IT. THAT CONTINUUM OF SERVICE HAS TO DO WITH
12 PREVENTING KIDS FROM BEING REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES WHENEVER
13 POSSIBLE. BUT WHEN IT'S NOT POSSIBLE AND IN THE INTEREST OF
14 PUBLIC SAFETY, AND EVEN SAFETY WITHIN THE FAMILY, SOMETIMES
15 THOSE KIDS HAVE TO BE REMOVED. WE HAVE A HISTORIC
16 DOCUMENTATION THAT PROVIDES EVIDENCE THAT OUR JUVENILE HALL
17 POPULATION GOES UP DURING THE SUMMER. WE'RE ONLY IN THE
18 SPRING. AND IN FACT BY THE LOOKS OF TODAY, YOU'D THINK IT WAS
19 WINTER. AND AT THAT TIME OUR POP IS USUALLY AT THE LOWEST. WE
20 CAN'T AFFECT THE POP BY CHANGING THEY CRITERIA, THAT PART IS
21 TRUE. IT WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE MORE SERIOUS
22 CRIMES OCCUR DURING THE SUMMER AND OUR POP GOES UP IF WE
23 CHOOSE TO LET THOSE CHILDREN REMAIN AT HOME AND DEFY THE
24 ISSUES OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WE CAN LOWER THE POP EVEN FURTHER AND



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1 YOU'RE RIGHT, THOSE STAFF WOULD NOT BE NEEDED. BUT IT WOULDN'T
2 BE THE WISE THING TO DO. SO THANK YOU.

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PERFECT.

5

6 **NORM JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NORM
7 JOHNSON. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPERVISING DEPUTY
8 PROBATION OFFICER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING OVER 300 L.A.
9 COUNTY SUPERVISING DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS. WE ARE
10 AFFILIATED WITH SEIU LOCAL 721, WHICH REPRESENTS 55,000 L.A.
11 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OVER 2,000 WHO WORK FOR THE
12 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FACES
13 TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS. IF
14 IMPLEMENTED, THE GOVERNOR PROPOSAL TO SHIFT TO THE COUNTY
15 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADULT PAROLEEES, PAROLE VIOLATORS AND THE
16 MOST SERIOUS JUVENILE OFFENDERS, THIS WILL CREATE A HUGE
17 DEMAND. MEANWHILE, IF THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT AGREE TO EXTEND
18 THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE AT ITS CURRENT RATE, OR AT LEAST ALLOW
19 VOTERS TO DO SO, THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE FORCED TO CLOSE
20 PROBATION CAMPS, ELIMINATE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS, LEAVE
21 UNSUPERVISED THOUSANDS OF HIGH RISK JUVENILE OFFENDERS AND LAY
22 OFF AS MANY AS 1,000 PROBATION EMPLOYEES. UNDER THE
23 CIRCUMSTANCES, IT SEEMED LIKE A PARTICULARLY INOPPORTUNE
24 MOMENT FOR YOUR BOARD TO CREATE MORE TURMOIL IN THE DEPARTMENT
25 BY INITIATING A WORKFORCE REDUCTION. AND AT THE SAME TIME,



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1 ELIMINATING THE DEPARTMENTAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD BE WORKING
3 TOGETHER TO PERSUADE THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DO THE RIGHT
4 THING WITH POTENTIAL RE-ALIGNMENT JUST AROUND THE CORNER, WHAT
5 SENSE DOES IT MAKE TO DISPLACE PROBATION EMPLOYEES INTO OTHER
6 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS? WOULDN'T IT BE MORE PRUDENT TO ALLOW THEM
7 TO MOVE INTO CURRENTLY VACANT, FUNDED POSITIONS WITHIN THE
8 DEPARTMENT? WE MAY VERY WELL NEED THEIR EXPERIENCE AND
9 SKILLSET IN JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS. REASSIGNING THESE
10 EMPLOYEES TO VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT CERTAINLY
11 WOULD NOT ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT AS YOU CALL STRUCTURE
12 DEFICIT, BUT THE STRUCTURE DEFICIT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY
13 REDUCED. PENNY FOOLISH? PERHAPS. BUT VERY POUND WISE. AND WHO
14 WILL- AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DEPARTMENT
15 AND WHO'S GOING TO LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT REFORM EFFORTS UNDER
16 THE NEW REPORTING STRUCTURE THAT ELIMINATES C.E.O. OVERSIGHT?

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18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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20 **NORM JOHNSON:** WHO DO WORKERS TURN TO FOR HELP RESOLVING THESE
21 ISSUES?

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23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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1 **YOLANDA LAWRENCE:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
2 IS YOLANDA LAWRENCE AND I AM AN SEIU 721 STEWARD AND A
3 SUPERVISING TYPIST- CLERK AT CHALLENGER YOUTH MEMORIAL CENTER
4 IN LANCASTER. BY THE END OF THE MONTH THREE CAMPS AT
5 CHALLENGER, CAMP RESNICK, SCOBEE, AND SMITH WILL BE CLOSING.
6 OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, SEIU MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING
7 WITH PROBATION, HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO
8 ASSURE THAT SMOOTH PLACEMENT AND TRANSITION TO THE AFFECTED
9 EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING WELL WITH THE C.E.O. ON
10 MAKING IT PROVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND WE BELIEVE THAT
11 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. HOWEVER, THE MOTION BEFORE
12 YOU TODAY, IF APPROVED, WOULD SET US BACK CONSIDERABLY.
13 SENIORITY LISTS AND WORKFORCE REDUCTION AND CHANGES IN THE
14 DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT WILL CREATE TURMOIL AT A TIME WHEN WE
15 CANNOT AFFORD IT. THE FUTURE OF PROBATION SERVICES IN LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY IS AT RISK. MASSIVE CUTS HAVE ALREADY ERODED
17 EDUCATION AND CRITICAL PROGRAMS THAT KEEP OUR CHILDREN ON THE
18 PATH TOWARD SUCCESS AND AWAY FROM ENVIRONMENTS THAT FOSTER
19 CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. THIS YEAR, CUTS TO CHILD WELFARE,
20 CHILDCARE FOR PRETEENS AND BASIC SUBSIDIES FOR FAMILIES WILL
21 LEAVE MORE YOUTH, MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN DESPAIR. ABORTING MORE
22 CUTBACKS TO PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIRES THAT CUTS ALREADY MADE TO
23 BE BALANCED BY MAINTAINING EXISTING REVENUES. THIS APPROACH
24 THAT GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN REQUIRES BIPARTISAN SUPPORT, BUT A
25 HANDFUL OF REPUBLICANS ARE BLOCKING THIS PLAN TO KEEP OUR



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1 COMMUNITIES SAFE. AND L.A. COUNTY, THERE IS ONE LEGISLATOR WHO
2 MUST BE PERSUADED BY THE ASSEMBLY MEMBER, CAMERON SMYTH IN THE
3 38TH DISTRICT. LAST WEEK, MEMBERS IN SEIU GATHERED AS A UNION
4 AT THE UNION HEADQUARTERS FOR A FIRST NIGHT OF PHONE BANKING.
5 WE CALLED HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN THE 38TH ASSEMBLY
6 DISTRICT AND ASKED THEM TO CONTACT ASSEMBLY MEMBER SMYTH TO
7 CALL CALL ON HIM TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY BY EXTENDING OUR
8 CURRENT TAX REVENUE. ON SATURDAY WE JOINED WITH OTHER UNION
9 MEMBERS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS IN THE LA CRESCENTA AND SANTA
10 CLARITA AREA FOR THE FIRST SERIES OF NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASSING
11 IN THAT DISTRICT. WE ALSO DISTRIBUTED LAWN SIGNS, CALLING ON
12 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SMYTH TO STAND UP FOR CALIFORNIA WITH NO MORE
13 CUTS. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THESE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE
14 CONTRIBUTED TO PRESERVING PROBATION SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY.
15 TODAY WE ARE CALLING ON YOUR BOARD TODAY TO JOIN US IN AN
16 EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE BUDGET AND PROTECT JOBS AND
17 PUBLIC SAFETY. DO YOUR PART. DON'T TEAR US APART. THANK YOU.

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19 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES SIR.

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21 **ROBERT BIGLOW:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT E. BIGLOW, JR.
22 I CURRENTLY PRESIDE OVER THE BLACK PROBATION OFFICERS'
23 ASSOCIATION. TO THE RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, CHIEF
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I SIMPLY ASK THAT YOU TAKE INTO
25 CONSIDERATION ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED LAYOFFS AND ADVERSE



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1 EFFECT THAT IT WOULD HAVE NOT ONLY ON THOSE THAT WOULD BE LAID
2 OFF, BUT ON THE REMAINING STAFF OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
3 WHICH ARE L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THE FACT THAT THE LAID-OFF
4 ARE AFFECTED ARE ALSO TRAINED PROFESSIONALS THAT WERE TRAINED
5 AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COUNTY, THAT ARE QUALIFIED AND EQUIPPED
6 TO SUPERVISE THESE YOUTH. AND IN THE 11TH HOUR, IN CONSIDERING
7 LAYOFFS, THAT YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CONTINGENCIES
8 THAT COULD ARISE AT ANY TIME DAY, WEEK, OR MONTH IN THE
9 INSTITUTION AS IT PERTAINS TO STAFFING. AND THAT IN RETAINING
10 THESE PROPOSED STAFF THAT WILL BE LAID OFF, THAT YOU WILL BE
11 ABLE TO AFFECT CONTINGENCIES WHEN IT COMES TO COVERAGE IN THE
12 INSTITUTIONS AND ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE PROPORTIONATE STAFFING
13 TO THE WARDS THAT WE HAVE TO SUPERVISE AND CARE FOR. THESE
14 PROPOSED LAYOFF STAFF ARE ALSO FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE OTHER
15 FAMILY MEMBERS THEY HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF, AND IT WOULD HAVE AN
16 ADVERSE EFFECT ON THEM. AND I ASK THAT YOU TAKE THAT INTO
17 CONSIDERATION, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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19 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. STACEY FORD AND ERIC
20 PREVIN.

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22 **STACEY FORD:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD MEMBERS, GOOD MORNING
23 TO OUR CHIEF, CHIEF BLEVINS, IF YOU LOOK TO YOUR LEFT, THOSE
24 PEOPLE IN THE GREEN SHIRTS WORK FOR YOU. OUR CAMPS AND OUR
25 HALLS ARE ALREADY UNDERSTAFFED. OUR CLIENTELE CONSISTS OF



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1 YOUNG OFFENDERS WHO HAVE COMMITTED VERY SERIOUS CRIMES IN YOUR
2 DISTRICTS. PROBATION OFFICERS PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE LIKE
3 NO OTHER. TO SOME OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, WE ARE LIKE MOTHERS,
4 FATHERS, WE'RE BROTHERS, WE'RE SISTERS, WE'RE ROLE MODELS. WE
5 ARE THE AUTHORITY FIGURE THAT MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE LACK.
6 IN MANY CASES, WE ARE THEIR HOPE. IN THE HALLS AND THE CAMP,
7 WE PROVIDE SAFETY. WE PROVIDE SECURITY. I ASK THIS BOARD TO
8 RECONSIDER THE PROPOSED REDUCTION. I SAY THIS BECAUSE IF YOU
9 MOVE FORWARD WITH REDUCTION, IT WILL BE A SAFETY AND SECURITY
10 CONCERN FOR THIS BOARD. SO I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THE SERVICES
11 THAT WE PROVIDE. WE GIVE HOPE. WE GIVEN ENCOURAGEMENT. AND WE
12 SHOW OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO CRIME.
13 AND WE ARE WELL-NEEDED IN THE POSITIONS THAT WE CURRENTLY
14 HOLD. SO I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER. TALK TO THE UNIONS, MANAGERS
15 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND LET'S PUT OPTIONS ON THE TABLE. BUT
16 REDUCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO
17 CONSIDER. WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
18 [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN? THAT CONCLUDES
21 THOSE WHO HAD SIGNED UP. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. PURSUANT TO YOUR
24 REQUEST AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS, THOSE WHO WISHED TO BE HEARD HAVE
25 BEEN HEARD. AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR TESTIMONY. AND I



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1 SUSPECT THEN WE SHOULD PROCEED PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE CONCURRENCE OF THE OTHERS TO TAKE THE
3 BALANCE OF THE MATTER UP IN CLOSED SESSION.

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5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AT THIS TIME?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

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9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN IT COMES UP?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

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13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. EXCUSE ME.

14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. MAYOR, I WANT TO ASK RECONSIDERATION OF
17 ITEM NO. 1, WHICH WAS MY APPOINTEE OF PATRICK DOWLING TO THE
18 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION BECAUSE I WANTED TO ADD AN AMENDMENT
19 TO IT WHICH I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH ANY
20 OF MY COLLEAGUES OR AT THE STAFF LEVEL. BUT I HOPE YOU'LL
21 INDULGE ME. DR. DOWLING IS GOING TO BE REPLACING DR. LESTER
22 BRESLOW, EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT U.C.L.A. AND I
23 WANTED AND DR. BRESLOW IS NOT WELL, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE
24 VERY MEANINGFUL TO HIM AND TO THE REST OF US IF WE WERE TO
25 INSTRUCT THAT AN ORDINANCE BE DRAFTED SEPARATE FROM THIS AND



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1 BROUGHT BACK THAT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO BE FOR THE REMAINDER OF
2 HIS TIME AN AN EMERITUS MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
3 COMMISSION. THANK YOU, DON. DR. BRESLOW SERVED FOR 16 YEARS AS
4 MY APPOINTEE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION. HE IS EMERITUS
5 DEAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL AT U.C.L.A. HE'S A MEMBER OF
6 THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE, NATIONAL NATIONAL OF SCIENCES AND
7 WAS A FOUNDING EDITOR OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEALTH
8 AMONG OTHER THINGS. MORE IMPORTANTLY TO OUR COUNTY WHEN DR.
9 BRESSLAU FIRST ACCEPTED HIS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION IN
10 THE FALL OF 1995, WHAT WAS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE WAS IN
11 THE MIDST OF THE WORST PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THIS COUNTY HAD
12 EVER SEEN. WE WERE INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOMEONE OF HIS
13 STATURE STEP INTO THE BREACH AT THAT TIME. HIS INSIGHTS
14 THROUGHOUT THAT MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD OF DOWNSIZING AND
15 RESTRUCTURING WERE INVALUABLE AND HELPED US TO REINVIGORATE
16 PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE COUNTY. I THINK ALL OF US KNOW HIM IN ONE
17 WAY OR ANOTHER AND HAVE BEEN THE BENEFICIARIES. SHHH! HEY,
18 FOLKS? LEAVE QUIETLY, PLEASE. WE HAVE A MEETING GOING ON.
19 THANKS. WE'VE ALL BENEFITED FROM HIS WISDOM. SO I WOULD MOVE
20 THAT WE APPOINT DR. DOWLING AND ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
21 COME BACK WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS WITH AN ORDINANCE THAT
22 MAKES DR. BRESLOW AN EMERITUS MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
23 COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

24

25 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE ONE, PARADISE LEE?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 1?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH I DIDN'T REALIZE WE WERE HOLDING IT,
5 OKAY.

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7 **LEE PARADISE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AS YOU MIGHT RECALL
8 LAST WEEK, I WAS HERE TO INDICATE TO YOU THAT AFTER COMING
9 HERE SO MANY TIMES TRYING TO PRE-EMPT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
10 SUSAN STEINHAUSER BOARD MEMBER AND THE LOS ANGELES LAW LIBRARY
11 AND PRESIDENT OF THAT BOARD WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING
12 UNTIL NOW IN AN INTERIM CAPACITY, THAT SHE DISQUALIFIED
13 HERSELF. LAST WEEK WHILE YOU WERE STANDING AND TALKING, WHICH
14 IS OKAY BECAUSE I TOLD YOU GENERALLY I'M MAKING COMMENTS
15 EXTEMPORANEOUSLY. BUT TODAY I'M GOING TO TRY TO STICK TO SOME
16 NOTES TO INDICATE THAT SHE IS AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED
17 HERSELF. YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO SEE HOW THAT
18 MIGHT BE RUN EVEN THOUGH THE LOS ANGELES LAW LIBRARY IS NOT A
19 PART OF THE COUNTY. IT IS A LOCAL PUBLIC ENTITY. SHE
20 DISQUALIFIED HERSELF BY OFFICIALLY GOING ON THE WEBSITE WITH
21 THIS NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC THAT HER OFFICE WOULD EXPIRE ON
22 DECEMBER 31ST, 2012. IN FACT, HER OFFICE, HER TERM OF OFFICE,
23 WHICH YOU APPOINTED HER TO FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, ACTUALLY
24 EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2010. SHE WOULD BE ACTING IN AN
25 INTERIM CAPACITY UNTIL YOU CONSIDERED A REAPPOINTMENT AND



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1 MAYBE PERHAPS DID REAPPOINT HER. SHE DID NOT DO IT. IF BARACK
2 OBAMA DECIDED THAT HE REALLY LIKED HIS OFFICE AND HE DECIDED
3 THAT HE HAD SOME THINGS HE WANTED TO DO, GOOD BAD OR
4 INDIFFERENT, BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THE RIGORS AND
5 THE STRESS OF TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS GOING
6 TO BE APPOINTED, HE AND HIS BOYS OR HENCHMEN OR WHATEVER YOU
7 MIGHT CALL THEM DEPENDING UPON YOUR POLITICAL PERSUASION,
8 DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD JUST PUT HIM BACK IN OFFICE AND HE
9 WOULD RUN FOR FOUR YEARS, WELL HE MIGHT GET AWAY WITH THAT.
10 BUT, IN FACT, IF THAT IS NOT HOW THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DONE,
11 HE WOULD BE BROUGHT UP ON IMPEACHMENT CHARGES, IMPEACHED AND
12 KICKED OUT OF OFFICE. GOT 44 SECONDS I'M TRYING TO KEEP THIS
13 CONCISE HERE. YOU CANNOT REAPPOINT HER. AS REVEREND SMART DID
14 SAY, WE WANT TO KEEP THIS RIGHTEOUS. AND I WOULD SAY KEEP IT
15 IN THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC. SHE
16 CAN NOT BE REAPPOINTED. SHE REAPPOINTED HERSELF. I'D LIKE TO
17 KNOW, BECAUSE I USUALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON
18 THIS MATTER. I HAVE THE PROOF HERE, YOU CAN SEE IT. IT SAYS
19 HER COMMISSION EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2012. IT'S NOT A
20 MISTAKE. THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD GET AWAY WITH IT. I CAUGHT
21 THEM. YOU CANNOT REAPPOINT HER OR YOU AS A BOARD MUST COME
22 TOGETHER AND DECIDE THAT THIS MUST BE MOVED FORWARD SO YOU CAN
23 FIND OUT HOW THIS SHOULD BE DONE. MIGHT YOU COMMENT ON THAT
24 NOW?
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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE BOARD CAN'T COMMENT.

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3 **LEE PARADISE:** OKAY. I THINK YOU CAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

4 BUT LET ME JUST SAY THIS. WITH ALL DUE CONSIDERATION, YOU HAVE

5 SEEN ME COMING HERE MORE TIME THAN I'VE GOT TIME TO DO, I

6 WOULDN'T BE HERE IF I THOUGHT THIS LIBRARY WAS BEING RUN

7 PROPERLY. IT'S THE SECOND LARGEST LAW LIBRARY IN THE COUNTRY

8 AND IT'S IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S INTEREST. THEY'RE NOT DOING

9 IT RIGHT. THEY'RE DOING WHATEVER THEY WANT TO. THIS IS PROOF.

10 AND I'M GOING TO GIVE IT TO THE SHERIFF SO YOU CAN LOOK AT IT.

11 PLEASE DO NOT REAPPOINT HER WITHOUT MORE PUBLIC INPUT. MOVE IT

12 DOWN THE AGENDA AND MAYBE I CAN COME BACK AND YOU CAN KICK ME

13 OUT OR HER OUT. THANK YOU.

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15 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE EMERITUS TITLE WOULD BE CHAIRMAN

18 EMERITUS.

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20 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC, PEOPLE WHO

24 WANTED TO BE HEARD ON VARIOUS ITEMS? WANT TO TAKE THOSE UP?

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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ITEM 44, MR. PREVEN? MR. PREVEN
2 IS NOT HERE. THAT'S THE ONLY PERSON HOLDING THAT ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.

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6 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
7 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. IT WAS S-1 WITHOUT IT
8 WAS JUST A REPORT THEN?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE DONE WIHT THE PUBLIC?

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12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. WE HAVE ITEM 13.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME TAKE UP ITEM 68-B, BECAUSE I HAVE A
15 SMALL AMENDMENT TO IT.

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17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 58-B?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 68-B. YOUR MOTION. I WANT TO JUST AMEND IT.
20 I THINK IT'S COMPATIBLE WITH WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE, I WANT TO
21 FURTHER MOVE THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT AND
22 AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL
23 PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONSULT WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND REPORT
24 BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH A SCHEDULE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS



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1 FOR THE PREPARATION OF LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLANS FOR THE
2 REMAINING COUNTY-OWNED AIRPORTS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

3

4 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO OBJECTIONS TO THAT SO FRIENDLY
5 AMENDMENTS MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS
6 AMENDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. FOR 68-B.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WANT TO TAKE UP 13?

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10 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 13?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 13 OR 15? OH. SEVEN.

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14 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ITEM NO. SEVEN. THAT WAS THE
15 REWARD?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I'M HOLDING IT TO INCREASE THE AWARD
18 FROM 5,000 TO 10,000 DOLLARS. THAT'S MY AMENDMENT.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
21 TO INCREASE THE ITEM SEVEN'S REWARD TO \$10,000. SECOND WITHOUT
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 29.

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1 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** RICHARD ROBINSON, 29.

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3 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON.
4 I'M GETTING TO BE A SENIOR CITIZEN FOR REAL HERE. MYSELF,
5 SHALOM.

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7 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHALOM.

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9 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** SIR, OUR LEONARD SHAPIRO IS A FRIEND OF
10 SEVERAL SENIOR WOMEN WHO ARE ALSO FRIENDS OF MINE. THEY'RE NOW
11 80, 90 YEARS OF AGE. HE'S LIVING IN CANOGA PARK. AND I'LL BE
12 PREPARING SOME OF HIS, THANK GOD, SOME OF HIS MEALS AS HE GETS
13 OLDER. IT'S AN HONOR. HE'S 91 NOW. SO ALTHOUGH THIS IS ONLY
14 900 DOLLARS TRANSITIONING THROUGH MIDDLE LIFE HOSTED BY THE
15 DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.
16 SENIOR CITIZENS. WHAT COMES TO MIND IS A MOTION PICTURE SHOW
17 SHELLY WINTERS DID OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION HAVING A TENDENCY
18 TO FORGET THAT OLDER PEOPLE ARE TO BE TREASURED. MR. SHAPIRO
19 WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MY EDUCATION. SO
20 I SPEAK TO YOU SIMPLY TO REMIND YOU OF THE CONTINUING NEED
21 SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE AS WE, IN GENERAL, LIVE LONGER. THE
22 POPULATION IS GROWING. THERE IS A LOT OF PROBLEMS THAT ARE
23 INEFFABLE. PEOPLE SITTING AT HOME, TERRIBLY NEGLECTED. SO I
24 SUPPORT THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE APPROVAL OF 29.

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5 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 32?

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9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NUMBER 32. ROBERT OYAKAWA,
10 CHARLOTTE BRODIE, ANNE DOVE, AND JAY GOMEZ.

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12 **ROBERT OYAKAWA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
13 ROBERT OYAKAWA, I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS WITH THE CITY
14 OF LOS ANGELES. REC AND PARKS STAFF MYSELF INCLUDED HAVE
15 ENJOYED COLLABORATING WITH THE L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND
16 RECREATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT TRAILS MANUAL PROJECT. FOR
17 MYSELF PERSONALLY, I ESPECIALLY ENJOYED OUR EARLY FIELD TRIPS
18 TAKEN TOGETHER WITH COUNTY AND CITY STAFF TO VISIT EXAMPLES OF
19 EXISTING TRAILS AND OUR EARLY DISCUSSIONS OF HOW WE TREAT
20 TRAILS DIFFERENTLY AND SIMILARLY AS WELL AS POTENTIAL
21 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY. OUR DIVISION AT RECREATION AND
22 PARKS WAS RECENTLY RENAMED TO PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND
23 MAINTENANCE TO REFLECT OUR CURRENT STRATEGIC AREAS OF
24 EMPHASIS. AND IN REVIEWING THE L.A. COUNTY TRAILS MANUAL, I
25 WAS GLAD TO SEE EACH OF THESE SEPARATE AREAS ADDRESSED VERY



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1 COMPLETELY AND IN GREAT DETAIL. OUR DEPARTMENT REC AND PARKS
2 OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF THE
3 COUNTYWIDE TRAILS MANUAL. FOR YEARS, AND I SHOULD SAY PROBABLY
4 MANY, MANY YEARS, OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN NEED OF THE TYPE
5 OF INFORMATION FOUND IN THE TRAILS MANUAL. AND IT'S A GREAT
6 RESOURCE TO HAVE ALL THIS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN A SINGLE
7 WELL-ORGANIZED DOCUMENT. AND IN ADDITION TO FACILITATING
8 QUALITY AND CONSISTENCY, I BELIEVE THE TRAILS MANUAL WILL ALSO
9 PAVE THE WAY FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY, THE
10 CITY AND MANY OTHER DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS. SO
11 THESE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY L.A. CITY REC AND PARKS
12 SUPPORTS THE COUNTYWIDE TRAILS MANUAL. AND I HOPE THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS WILL SHARE OUR ENTHUSIASM AND ADOPT THE MANUAL.
14 THANK YOU.

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16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.CHARLOTTE?

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18 **CHARLOTTE BRODIE:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, SUPERVISORS. I WAS VERY
19 SURPRISED TO LEARN, I'M CHARLOTTE BRODIE, I'M TRAIL
20 COORDINATOR FOR ROUTE 54 IN EQUESTRIAN TRAILS. I WAS VERY
21 SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THERE WAS NO TRAILS MANUAL WHEN THIS
22 ISSUE WAS BROUGHT UP. I JUST FIGURED THERE ALWAYS WAS ONE.
23 THIS IS ESSENTIAL IN BUILDING AND MAINTAINING TRAILS. THERE
24 MUST BE GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW. I ATTENDED THE LAST PUBLIC
25 MEETING FOR THE MANUAL, AND IT WAS PRESENTED WELL AND PUBLIC



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1 INPUT WAS ACCEPTED. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A VERSION FOR THE CITY
2 OF L.A., AS WELL, SO THERE WILL BE COHESIVENESS FOR ALL OUR
3 TRAIL BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE. YOU NEED TO SUPPORT THIS
4 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC AND ADOPT
5 THE TRAILS MANUAL. TRAILS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY,
6 AND THIS MANUAL IS VITAL. THANK YOU.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR
9 SUPPORTING OUR TRAILS LIKE YOU DO. YES?

10

11 **ANNE DOVE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANNE DOVE AND I'M A
12 PLANNER HERE IN LOS ANGELES WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICES
13 RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE RIVERS
14 AND TRAILS PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE PROVIDES
15 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL ELECT CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR
16 RECREATION EFFORTS AND WE OFTEN WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
17 AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE UNDERTAKING TRAILS AND
18 GREEN WAYS PROJECTS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE'VE HAD THE
19 PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON EFFORTS
20 IN THE PAST SUCH AS THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN AND THE SAN
21 GABRIEL RIVER MASTER PLAN. AND WE WERE THRILLED WHEN THE
22 COUNTY APPROACHED US WITH THIS TRAILS MANUAL EFFORT. AND TO
23 THAT EXTENT, WE PARTICIPATED IN THE STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS
24 ALONGSIDE OTHER TRAIL, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES IN
25 SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAILS MANUAL BEFORE YOU



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1 TODAY. IN OUR CAPACITY AS THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
2 WE'RE ABLE TO LOOK AT LOCAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A
3 BROADER SCALE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION NETWORK. AND OFTEN ONE
4 OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES OUR PROJECT PARTNERS FACE IS HOW TO
5 INTEGRATE THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS INTO THESE BROADER TRAILS
6 SYSTEMS. AND OFTEN THIS IS USUALLY DUE TO THE LACK OF SOME
7 KIND OF A REGIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THEM TO TIER OFF OF. WITH
8 THAT IN MIND, THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE
9 TRAILS MANUAL FOR L.A. COUNTY WILL PROVIDE A VITAL TOOL FOR
10 FACILITATING THE CREATION OF A SEAMLESS REGIONAL NETWORK OF
11 TRAILS THAT WILL BENEFIT THE MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS IN L.A.
12 COUNTY WHILE ALSO PROVIDING UNIQUE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
13 FOR VISITORS TO THE REGION. THIS TRAILS MANUAL WILL NOT ONLY
14 PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL BUILDING BLOCK FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
15 OF THE TRAILS SYSTEM BUT ALSO SERVE AS A VALUABLE TOOL FOR
16 MUNICIPALITIES AND AGENCIES WITHIN AND EVEN BEYOND THE COUNTY
17 THAT DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN TRAIL
18 GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS. THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF THIS
19 TRAILS MANUAL IS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
20 COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THE COUNTY IN UNDERTAKING THIS
21 IMPORTANT EFFORT WHICH WILL YIELD LONG TERM BENEFITS BY
22 ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
23 VISITORS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO PARTNER WITH THE
24 COUNTY IN THE FUTURE IN WORKING TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING OUR
25 AGENCY'S COMMON GOALS. THANK YOU.



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2 **JAY GOMEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.MY NAME IS JAY
3 GOMEZ .

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5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE MOMENT. JAY, LET ME CALL UP LARRY
6 HENSLEY AND PAUL. RABINOV. OKAY.

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8 **JAY GOMEZ:** THANK YOU. I'M AN EQUESTRIAN. I'VE BEEN AN
9 EQUESTRIAN FOR A LITTLE BIT OVER 45 YEARS. I'VE RIDDEN ALMOST
10 ALL THE TRAILS IN L.A. COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY IN THE SAN GABRIEL
11 VALLEY. AND AFTER REVIEWING THIS TRAILS MANUAL, IT'S A MANUAL
12 THAT HAS PROBABLY BEEN LONG OVERDUE. IT GIVES SO MUCH VITAL
13 INFORMATION TO ANY EQUESTRIAN SO I ASK THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THIS MANUAL
15 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. IT'S A FIRST. I HAVE NEVER EVER SEEN A
16 TRAILS MANUAL SUCH AS THIS ANYWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST. SO I
17 THANK YOU. I THANKS PARK AND REC FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
18 SPEAK. THANK YOU.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, JAY.

21

22 **PAUL RABINOV:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PAUL
23 RABINOV. I'M A RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA AND I'M HERE IN
24 SUPPORT OF THE TRAILS MANUAL. I AM A MEMBER OF THE AD HOC
25 TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR MY COMMUNITY, AND I ALSO REPRESENT MY



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1 COMMUNITY AND THE COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA ON THE ADVISORY BOARD
2 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. THE GOAL OF OUR
3 GROUP IS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO THE THE ADJACENT OPEN
4 SPACES. AND I WANT TO ACTUALLY THANK THIS BOARD AND IN
5 PARTICULAR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR
6 EFFORTS TO DO SO. THIS MANUAL ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES THAT WILL
7 RESULT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION OF SAFE AND
8 ENJOYABLE TRAILS, YET AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDES THE
9 FLEXIBILITY THAT WILL ENABLE A PLANNER TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC
10 AND UNIQUE ISSUES THAT MAY EXIST ON THE LAND ON WHICH THE
11 TRAIL WILL RUN. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO OUR GROUP IS HOW THE
12 MANUAL ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF CONNECTIVITY. THE CRESCENTA
13 VALLEY IS ONE GEOGRAPHIC REGION WHICH IS UNDER THE
14 JURISDICTION OF FIVE DIFFERENT AGENCIES OR MUNICIPALITIES. IN
15 ADDITION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE CITY OF LA
16 QUINATA TO THE EAST. CITY OF GLENDALE TO THE WEST AND WEST OF
17 THERE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND TO THE NORTH, THE U.S.
18 FORESTRY SERVICE. THE LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES OF OUR GROUP IS TO
19 ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK WHICH WILL LINK THESE
20 COMMUNITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RIM OF THE VALLEY TRAIL.
21 AND THIS MANUAL ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES THAT WILL MAKE THIS
22 TYPE OF CONNECTIVITY INTELLIGIBLE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **LARRY HENSLEY:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LARRY HENSLEY. AS SOME OF YOU MAY
3 KNOW, I AM RECENTLY RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
4 RECREATION AS THE CHIEF OF PLANNING. IT HAS BEEN MY THRILL,
5 REALLY, AND REAL PLEASURE TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
6 ON THIS MANUAL WITH OUR CONSULTANTS AND WITH ALL OF THE
7 CITIZENS THAT TOOK PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS. AND THE
8 PROJECT STARTED IN JUNE OF 2010. AND IT STARTED WITH THE FIRST
9 STAKEHOLDER MEETING. SHORTLY AFTER THAT, THE NEXT MONTH WE
10 STARTED HAVING MEETINGS WITH CONSTITUENTS AND DIFFERENT TYPES
11 OF TRAIL USERS. WE HAD FOUR DIFFERENT MEETINGS, ONE WITH EACH
12 TYPE OF USER, ONE WITH THE EQUESTIONS, THE HIKERS AND THE
13 MOUNTAIN BIKERS. THEN WE HAD A COMBINED MEETING TO TRY AND
14 CATCH ANYONE THAT WE DIDN'T CATCH IN DEVELOPING THE FIRST
15 DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT. FROM THERE WE WENT ON TO HAVE ANOTHER
16 STAKEHOLDER MEETING AND THEN A ROUND OF SIX PUBLIC MEETINGS
17 COVERING EACH OF THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AND SOLICITING
18 INPUT FROM ANYONE THAT HAD INTEREST IN HELPING US DEVELOP THE
19 MANUAL. I THINK WE HAD GOOD INPUT. WE HAD OVER 300 COMMENTS,
20 ALMOST 90 PERCENT OF THOSE WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE
21 DOCUMENT. AND THEY PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. THE 10
22 PERCENT THAT WEREN'T CONSISTED OF COMMENTS THAT DEALT WITH
23 POLICIES AND OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE NOT RELEVANT TO THE MANUAL
24 ITSELF. I JUST HOPE TO- I HOPE THAT THE BOARD FIND THAT THIS
25 IS A WORTHWHILE DOCUMENT AND THAT IT WILL ADOPT IT AND WE'LL



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1 BE ABLE TO MOVE ON AND PROVIDE MORE TRAILS FOR THE
2 CONSTITUENTS, THANK YOU.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, LARRY. AS STATED, WE
5 APPRECIATE YOU RETIRING AND STAYING INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS
6 AND SEEING THE BABY MATURE. AND, AGAIN, THE EQUESTION
7 COMMUNITY, THE HIKING COMMUNITY, THE MOUNTAIN BIKES, ALL OF
8 YOU WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THIS, WE REALLY APPRECIATE
9 YOUR WORK AND EFFORT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
10 EXPAND IT AND TO KEEP YOUR INVOLVEMENT BECAUSE YOU REALLY IS
11 WHAT MAKE THE TRAILS WORK BECAUSE YOU'RE ACTUALLY INVOLVED
12 WITH THE TRAILS, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU DO ACADEMICALLY,
13 YOU'RE OUT THERE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **LARRY HENSLEY:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO WE HAVE THE MOTION TO APPROVE?
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
19 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR GOING TO ALL THOSE MEETINGS. [APPLAUSE.]
20 ITEM S-1? I THINK SUZIE FROM MY STAFF, AS WELL WITH THE
21 DEPARTMENT. AND RUSS, THANK YOU. S-1, DR. KATZ? I APPRECIATED
22 DR. KATZ' TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH
23 THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD WITH SENATOR FEINSTEIN AND THE OTHER
24 MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND THE SENATE. AND WE APPRECIATE



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1 THAT, DR. KATZ, FOR YOUR INSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS MADE TO OUR
2 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON.

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4 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, DR. MITCH KATZ, THE
5 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. MR. MAYOR, YOU
6 ASKED THAT WE BRING YOU A PLAN THAT REDUCES OUR DEFICIT FOR
7 THE YEAR. IT WAS ORIGINALLY AT 250 MILLION. I'M VERY HAPPY TO
8 TELL YOU THAT WE ARE NOW DOWN TO 12.8 MILLION, WHICH IS
9 ACTUALLY A VERY SMALL VARIANCE ON A BUDGET OF 3.6 BILLION
10 DOLLARS. WE ARE VERY HOPEFUL THAT WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.'S
11 OFFICE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CLOSE OUT THE YEAR EVEN. 12.8 IS A
12 SMALL AMOUNT AND SHOULD NOT POSE A PROBLEM IN ELIMINATING IT
13 BETWEEN POSITIONS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY HOLDING AND ADDITIONAL
14 REVENUE THAT WE'RE WORKING ON.

15

16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN DOES THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISH AND
17 FUND THE FIXED AND NONFIXED EQUIPMENT BUDGETS FOR THE TWO MACC
18 CAPITAL PROJECTS, WOULD THESE BE RECOGNIZED IN THE FISCAL
19 FORECAST?

20

21 **ALLAN WECKER:** NO WE HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED YET. WE ARE WORKING
22 WITH BOTH FACILITIES AND THE NEXT FISCAL OUTLOOK, WE WILL PUT
23 NUMBERS IN THERE FOR THEM.

24



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE ESTIMATE ON THE MACC IN
2 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY?

3

4 **ALLAN WECKER:** WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE ESTIMATE FOR THE
5 EQUIPMENT. AND WE SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING IN THE NEXT FISCAL
6 OUTLET.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN ARE WE LOOKING AT THE COMPLETION
9 OF THAT MACC THOUGH? IS THAT 2014, 2013? 2013? THAT'S ALL
10 RIGHT. YOU CAN GET THAT INFORMATION.

11

12 **ALLAN WECKER:** OKAY WE'LL GET IT IF FOR YOU.

13

14 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS ON S-1? OKAY.
15 WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER, MR. PREVEN? OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION TO
16 RECEIVE AND FILE BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE, ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO
21 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF MR. BILL BAKER A
22 LIFELONG MEMBER OF LONG BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 15TH WITH
23 HIS FAMILY. HE WAS 85 YEARS OLD. BORN IN LONG BEACH, LIFETIME
24 HOME CITY. HE JUST LOVED THE CITY HELPED SUPPORT IT FOR OVER
25 50 YEARS. WAS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. CHAIRMAN OF THE LONG



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1 BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AT HIS PASSING. HE LOVED THE BOY
2 SCOUTS OF AMERICA. ASSISTANT DEVELOPMENT OF CAMP TAHQUITS IN
3 BARTON FLATS WHERE HE MAINTAINED A 49 YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
4 TRIBE, THE HONOR SCOUTING ORGANIZATION. INFLUENCED HUNDREDS OF
5 BOY SCOUTS, MANY WHO ARE LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES TODAY. HIS
6 SMILE, LAUGH, WISDOM, NEVER ENDING ENERGY AND HUGS WILL BE
7 GREATLY MISSED. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN, KATHY AND
8 WILLIAM JR. SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.
9 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN T. BRYANT, JR., BETTER KNOWN
10 AS "POP," A RESIDENT OF CERRITOS AND U.S. ARMY WORLD WAR II
11 VETERAN PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AFTER A FIGHT WITH CANCER AT
12 THE AGE OF 89 SURROUNDED BY HIS LOVING FAMILY. "POP" LIVED A
13 LONG AND FRUITFUL LIFE AND HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. ALSO THAT
14 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ENRIQUE ZAVALA, A LAKEWOOD RESIDENT
15 WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY AT THE
16 VERY YOUNG AGE OF 47. 1985 HE BECAME A FIREFIGHTER FOR THE
17 INGLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT, RETIRED AS A CAPTAIN FROM THE LONG
18 BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND HE WAS A VERY DEVOTED FIREFIGHTER
19 AND FATHER WHO ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND
20 FRIENDS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM. HE IS
21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CRIS, TWO DAUGHTERS, NOELLE AND JESSICA.
22 PARENTS MIGUEL AND EVA, FOUR BROTHERS, THREE SISTERS AND MANY
23 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY MAY
24 EVERS. LONG TIME LONG BEACH RESIDENT. PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY
25 AT HOME SURROUND BY HER FAMILY SHE WAS 81. SHE IS REMEMBERED



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1 AS A LOVING MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, FRIEND WHO INSPIRED
2 EVERYONE WHO KNEW HER FOR HER STRENGTH EVEN AS SHE FACED HER
3 FINAL MOMENTS ALIVE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN VICTORIA,
4 KATHLEEN, PAULA, LOIS, REGINA, LISA, ANDREA, JOSEPH, THREE
5 SIBLINGS AND 14 BELOVED GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY OF ROY RAMOS, LONG TIME NORWALK RESIDENT, A VERY
7 POPULAR AND WELL-RESPECTED MAN WITH A STRONG WORK ETHIC WHO
8 CHERISHED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS
9 HOSPITALITY AND LOOKED FORWARD ANNUALLY TO ORGANIZING,
10 PARTICIPATING IN HIS FAMILY REUNION. ROY'S SON, SERGEANT CHICO
11 RAMOS OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SERVED AS THE PAST
12 LIAISON TO THE WHITTIER UNINCORPORATED AREA WHILE ASSIGNED TO
13 THE SANTA FE SPRINGS C.H.P. STATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS 94-
14 YEAR-OLD MOTHER, PAULA, WIFE MARIA, SIX CHILDREN, 10 BROTHERS
15 AND SISTERS, 14 GRANDCHILDREN, 16 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL
16 BE SORELY MISSED. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY BERRY
17 WILLIS, LONG TIME LONG BEACH RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY
18 PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 72. SHE TAUGHT HER CHILDREN THE
19 IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ALL HER CHILDREN ARE
20 EITHER TEACHERS OR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS. FOR OVER 10 YEARS SHE
21 VOLUNTEERED TO PREPARE FOOD FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE IN LONG
22 BEACH AREA. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE
23 IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, ONE A
24 VERY GOOD FRIEND, DONITA STRAUS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF MARIA MAGDALENA ZAMORA, LONG TIME BELLFLOWER



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1 RESIDENT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN ROSA, PAT, MARGIE,
2 JOSE AND FRANK. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. MAYOR, THOSE ARE MY
3 ADJOURNMENTS.

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5 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
6 MY ADJOURNMENTS. MAX FRANCISCO KREIMANN PASSED AWAY AT SANTOS'
7 FATHER OF FORMER DEPUTY RESSIE ROMAN AND OUR BEACHES AND
8 HARBORS DIRECTOR SANTOS [KREIMANN]. AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE.
9 ALL MEMBERS ON THIS. HIS WIFE LIZ AND HIS DAUGHTERS RESSIE,
10 SONS HERMAN SANTOS, MAX AND KLAUS AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN. DR.
11 ALIREZA NAVAB PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 42. HE WAS THE
12 PHYSICIAN IN THE OB-GYN AT OLIVE VIEW U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER
13 SINCE 2006 AND HE WAS ALSO HEAD OF THE CLINICAL ASSISTANT
14 PROFESSOR OF THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT U.C.L.A.
15 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHEILA AND HIS DAUGHTER HANA. LEETA
16 PISTONE, A FORMER DEPUTY IN MY OFFICE WHO SERVED IN THE
17 CHATSWORTH-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MANY YEARS BEFORE HER
18 RETIREMENT. SHE LEAVES HER DAUGHTER CHRISTINE AND SON MICHAEL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT.

21

22 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHO WORKS FOR THE COUNTY ARTS
23 COMMISSION AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT
24 GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S FINE. OKAY. CUE MACKENZIE, SHE PASSED
25 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE ALTADENA



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1 TOWN COUNCIL, THE JUNIOR ROSE BOWL RIDERS CLUB. SHE WAS THE
2 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE ALTADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SHE
3 WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND FORUMS THAT WE
4 HAD IN ALTADENA. A REAL WONDERFUL LADY AND A GOOD ROLE MODEL.
5 AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY OF ELSIE MICHIKO DOZEN WHO
6 WAS SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN'S SECRETARY FOR MANY YEARS. SHE
7 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. A REAL WONDERFUL LADY. SHE
8 LEAVES HER THREE CHILDREN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN GREAT
9 GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE SISTER. PASTOR ALFRED BILLYZONE SR. OF
10 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND PASTOR OF GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
11 CHURCH SINCE 1972. RICHARD BISHOP WALSH, JR., HE WAS THE
12 FORMER LOS ANGELES DODGERS VICE PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER OF THE
13 NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE
14 CALIFORNIA ANGELS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE LOS
15 ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ROBERTA AND
16 THEIR THREE CHILDREN.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT, TOO.

19

20 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, WARREN HILL, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
21 72, RETIRED SERGEANT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT. JOHN GREGORY PASSED AWAY ON MAY 9TH. HE WON THE
23 EMMY FOR HIS WORK AT KABC-TV. WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
24 ACADEMY OF TELEVISION AND ARTS AND SCIENCES. AND AT PASADENA
25 CITY COLLEGE HE DEVELOPED THE FAMOUS KPCC RADIO STATION WHICH



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1 IS NOW BILLBOARD-CITED AS THE BEST EDUCATIONAL RADIO STATION
2 IN THE COUNTRY. AND HIS STUDENTS OR I SHOULD SAY HIS STUDENTS
3 AND ALSO REPORTERS FOR HIS STATION COVER OUR BOARD MEETINGS
4 REGULARLY. JACK FERGUSON PASSED AWAY, LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE WAS RETIRED AT THE AGE
6 OF 85. ANOTHER RETIRED SERGEANT HAYWARD BARNETT PASSED AWAY AT
7 THE AGE OF 79 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. DR. FRANCIS
8 CARNEY, HE WAS A POLITICAL PROFESSOR FOUNDING FACULTY MEMBER
9 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE. AND HIS WIFE AND I
10 SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
11 DISTRICT. HIS LEAVES HIS WIFE JANE AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN.
12 VERNON BERGLUND OF LITTLEROCK PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96.
13 JOANN JUSTICE, ANTELOPE VALLEY. PASSED AWAY AGE 63. ELENA
14 SPENCER JONES ALSO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
15 OF 101. SHE LEAVES HER DAUGHTER AS WELL AS NUMEROUS
16 GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GREAT
17 GRANDCHILDREN. PETER CONSTANTINE LATSIS, PASSED AWAY AT THE
18 AGE OF 92. HE WAS THE PUBLICIST WITH THE MOTION PICTURE
19 INDUSTRY FOR OVER 40 YEARS, SERVED A NUMBER OF YEARS AS PRESS
20 GUY FOR THE VARIETY CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE WAS QUITE
21 INVOLVED WITH HIS CHURCH, THE SAINT SOPHIA'S CATHEDRAL. HIS
22 FUNERAL IS THIS WEEK. AURAL PAUL, SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
23 OF 91. SHE WAS THE FIRST RESIDENT OF CRYSTALAIRE COMMUNITY
24 BACK IN THE 1950S. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 57 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.



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1 AND WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER ON THIS. SO OH WE HAVE THREE SPEAKERS
2 ON THIS. DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL THE SPEAKERS FIRST? MICHAEL
3 ROSS, RALPH MILLER, AND ANDREA GORDON.

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5 **MICHAEL ROSS:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND HONORABLE
6 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL ROSS AND I AM S.A.S.W. WITH
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. LAST WEEK I
8 WAS HERE WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO OPPOSE THIS MOTION. I'M HERE TO
9 REITERATE SEIU'S OPPOSITION. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE
10 C.E.O. HAS PROVIDED UNPRECEDENTED LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING
11 D.C.F.S. MANAGEMENT TOGETHER WITH LINE WORKERS TO REFORM THE
12 DEPARTMENT. LAST WEEK, WE DESCRIBED OUR RESULTS INCLUDING
13 A DRAMATICALLY REVAMPED TRAINING ACADEMY, ONGOING TRAINING
14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKERS AS WELL AS VASTLY IMPROVED
15 INVESTIGATIVE TOOLS INCLUDING THE INVESTIGATION NARRATIVE. I
16 DO NOT BELIEVE EVEN WITH BEST INTENTIONS THE FIVE BOARD
17 OFFICES WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THIS PROCESS. AND AS WE SAID
18 LAST WEEK, HAVING A THIRD PARTY WITH INFLUENCE OVER BOTH
19 MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS WAS A KEY TO THIS PROCESS. THE C.E.O.'S
20 ROLE HAS BEEN INDISPENSABLE. I RECOGNIZE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT
21 THIS MOTION WILL PASS DESPITE OUR OBJECTION. I WOULD LIKE TO
22 THANK SUPERVISORS KNABE AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR POSING THIS
23 ORDINANCE. BUT I ALSO HAVE A QUESTION TO POSE TO THE ENTIRE
24 BOARD: HOW WILL YOU ENSURE THE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO
25 COLLABORATIVELY ADDRESS DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES? I BELIEVE THE



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1 BEST WAY TO KEEP THINGS MOVING FORWARD FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS
2 FOR THE BOARD TO MEET REGULARLY WITH BOTH D.C.F.S. AND
3 S.E.I.U. WE SHOULD NOT BE REACTING TO EVENTS AND NEWS ARTICLES
4 BUT PROACTIVELY IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS AND WORKING TOGETHER TO
5 FIX THEM. THIS IS WHAT THE C.E.O. COMMITTED TO AND I HOPE THAT
6 THE BOARD WILL COMMIT TO THE SAME IF IT ASSUMES CONTROL OF THE
7 DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A DEPARTMENT THAT RESPONDS TO 13,000
8 REFERRALS A MONTH WITH 40,000 CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES EACH
9 AND EVERY DAY. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE OUT DOING QUALITY CHILD
10 SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS, MAKING OUR CONTACTS ON TIME, PUTTING
11 TOGETHER FAMILY CENTERED CASE PLANS AND MAKING SURE CHILDREN
12 AND FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. THIS
13 IS ALSO A DEPARTMENT WHOSE MANAGEMENT HAS BEGUN TO SIT DOWN
14 WITH WORKERS AND FIND SOLUTIONS TO THOSE PROBLEMS THAT DO
15 EXIST AND HAS IN FACT DISCOVERED CREDIBLE SOLUTIONS. OUR
16 CURRENT INTERIM DIRECTOR, JACKIE CONTRERES HAS BEEN HIGHLY
17 INFLUENTIAL IN MAKING THIS CHANGE HAPPEN. HER LEADERSHIP FIRST
18 UNDER ANTONIO HERNANDEZ AND NOW AS INTERIM DIRECTOR HAS BEEN
19 INSTRUMENTAL IN ACHIEVING CHANGES THAT WE BELIEVE WILL RESULT
20 IN POSITIVE OUTCOMES. I'M ASKING YOU TODAY IF YOU INTEND TO
21 TAKE ON OVERSIGHT OF D.C.F.S., PLEASE FIND A WAY TO ENSURE
22 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THIS PRODUCTIVE COLLABORATION. THANK YOU.

23

24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. RALPH MILLER.

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1 **RALPH MILLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. AGAIN PLEASE EXCUSE MY
2 VOICE. AND I'LL BE VERY BRIEF. I HAVE TWO MAJOR CONCERNS ABOUT
3 THIS ISSUE. ONE IS THE POLITICIAL NATURE. THERE ARE FIVE
4 DIFFERENT BOARD MEMBERS. THEY HAVE ALL THEIR OWN CONCERNS,
5 THEIR OWN AGENDAS. MY CONCERN IS THAT THE LAST THING THAT THE
6 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
7 SERVICES NEEDS IS TO POLITICIZE THIS ISSUE ANY MORE. THERE'S
8 ENOUGH POLITICS ALREADY IN L.A. COUNTY INVOLVED IN THESE
9 DEPARTMENTS TO DRIVE CALIFORNIA THROUGH. WE DON'T NEED MORE OF
10 THAT. MY OTHER CONCERN IS THAT RESPONSE. WHEN WE CALL THE
11 C.E.O.'S OFFICE OR WE CALL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, WE GET A
12 RESPONSE AND WE GET AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. WE MIGHT NOT LIKE
13 THE RESPONSE, BUT WE GET ONE. SOMETIMES THERE'S A TENDENCY ON
14 SOME MEMBERS' PART THAT IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THEM, THEN NOT
15 ONLY WILL THEY NOT RESPOND TO YOU, BUT THEY WON'T CALL YOU
16 BACK. HOWEVER, I WILL SAY THIS. IF YOU GO THROUGH AND YOU DO
17 THIS, THEN I WANT TO LEAVE MY CELL PHONE WITH YOU AND I WANT
18 YOUR CELL PHONE SO I CAN CALL YOU WHEN THERE'S A PROBLEM. AND
19 I EXPECT AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM YOU, NOT YOUR BOARD
20 OFFICES, BUT FROM YOU IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO. IF
21 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE OVERSIGHT OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND
22 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE CHIEF REPORTING TO YOU, THEN WE WANT
23 TO REPORT TO YOU TOO. WE WANT TO REPORT OUR CONCERNS. IN FACT,
24 IF YOU ADOPT THIS TODAY, WE WANT TO START MEETING TOMORROW.
25 THANK YOU.



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ANDREA GORDON: SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON, I'M THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNION REPRESENTING THE PROBATION DIRECTORS IN
THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I HAVE A UNIQUE BACKGROUND IN THAT
FOR MANY YEARS, WHILE REPRESENTING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I
WAS HOUSED AT D.C.F.S. OFFICES AND D.M.H. OFFICES AND WORKED
IN COLLABORATIVE TEAMS WITH BOTH OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS. I
THINK THAT GIVES ME A UNIQUE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE IN THE
ISSUES THAT BOTH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS FACE. I AGREE WITH MR.
MILLER THAT HAVING A CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT TO ASK
QUESTIONS, TO GET ANSWERS, TO HAVE THOSE DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS
IS VERY IMPORTANT. I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS
TO STEP UP AND WORK IN THE CAPACITY OF HAVING DIRECT
OVERSIGHT. BUT IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT WHEN THERE'S SO MANY TO
COLLABORATE WITH ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, AND I THINK IT WOULD
BE PRODUCTIVE TO MAINTAIN A C.E.O. OVERSIGHT, MAYBE WITH
STRONGER PARTICIPATION ON THE PART OF THE BOARD. THAT MIGHT DO
IT FOR YOU, I'M NOT SURE. BUT I DO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
FOR ALL OF THE MANY ASPECTS OF BOTH DEPARTMENTS' NEEDS TO BE
MET TO HAVE A CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT. THANK YOU.

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MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU, MS. GORDON. SUPERVISOR
KNABE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YOUR CHARGE LAST WEEK, MR. MAYOR, WAS THAT IF WE
2 HAD ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS, THAT WE'D HAVE ANOTHER
3 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THAT. SO WHAT I HAVE IS I DO HAVE A
4 SUBSTITUTE MOTION ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. YOU SHOULD HAVE
5 COPIES ALREADY. IF NOT, MY STAFF WILL HAND OUT ADDITIONAL
6 ONES. BUT IN FEBRUARY 2007, MY MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY, WE PUT TOGETHER THAT PROGRAM TO CREATE A NEW
8 POSITION OF C.E.O. WHO WAS TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE EXECUTIVE
9 POWERS NECESSARY TO OVERSEE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF COUNTY
10 GOVERNMENT. IT WAS OUR BELIEF THAT THE PREVIOUS STRUCTURE OF
11 GOVERNING WHICH REQUIRED EVERY DECISION, LARGE AND SMALL, TO
12 BE VETTED THROUGH THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND IMPEDED
13 THE SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN ISSUES AND INSTEAD FOSTERED
14 MICROMANAGING AND INTERFERENCE OF DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION. WITH
15 THE SO-CALLED STRONG C.E.O. APPROACH APPROVED BY THE BOARD,
16 COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTED TO THE C.E.O. O. WHO IN TURN
17 REPORTS TO THE BOARD, THUS PROVIDING A CLEAR AND EFFICIENT
18 CHAIN OF COMMAND AND ACCOUNTABILITY. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE
19 SPECIFIC COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT CONTINUE TO REPORT DIRECTLY
20 TO US, SUCH AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, FIRE
21 DEPARTMENT, COUNTY COUNSEL. THERE'S CLEAR RATIONALE FOR THESE
22 DIRECT REPORTS TO EXIST. AND NOW THERE IS A MOTION BEFORE US
23 TO PLACE TWO ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS, D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION
24 DEPARTMENT, IN THE SAME CATEGORY WITH NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT
25 THE NOTION THAT BOARD OVERSIGHT IS BETTER THAN THAT OF THE



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1 C.E.O. IN THIS CASE. TO DO SO AT THIS POINT I THINK IT WOULD
2 BE IMPULSIVE ACTION AND WE THAT SOUGHT TO AVOID IN
3 IMPLEMENTING THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE IN THE FIRST PLACE. I'M
4 NOT YET CONVINCED THAT REPLACING DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT BY ONE
5 BOSS WITH FIVE AND THE REASONS FOR DOING SO SEEM MORE PUNITIVE
6 THAN PRODUCTIVE. UNDER THE CURRENT STRUCTURE BOLSTERING THE
7 CONFIDENCE OF THE BOARD AS TO WHETHER THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS
8 ARE FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY IS THE CLEAR CHARGE AND DIRECT
9 RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR C.E.O. IF THE BOARD IS NOT CONFIDENT
10 THAT STRUCTURE IS YIELDING THE EXPECTED OF BOTH RESULTS THEN
11 WE NEED TO RE-VISIT IT AS A WHOLE AND NOT IN THIS PIECEMEAL
12 MANNER WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED. THE LIVES OF OUR AT-RISK
13 CHILDREN AND OF THE COUNTY'S OVERSIGHT, WHETHER INVOLVED IN
14 THE DEPENDENCY OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS MUST BE PARAMOUNT
15 IN OUR MINDS. WE ALL SHARE A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
16 WELL-BEING AND TO USE THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS ENTRUSTED WITH THE
17 CARE AS A MEANS TO EXPERIMENT WITH A POTENTIAL NEW GOVERNANCE
18 STRUCTURE WITHOUT PROPER VETTING DISCUSSION WHICH HAS BEEN
19 SUGGESTED I THINK IS HAPHAZARD AND A VERY, VERY DANGEROUS
20 APPROACH. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THIS BOARD HOLD IN ABEYANCE FOR
21 45 DAYS THE DECISION TO MOVE D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION OUT FROM
22 UNDER THE C.E.O. AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE
23 CHIEFS OF STAFF, OUR CHIEFS OF STAFF WORKING IN CONJUNCTION
24 WITH THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS
25 TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



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1 AND REPORT BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS AND THAT WOULD GIVE US 15 DAYS
2 TO WORK ON THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE US BEFORE WE MOVE ON THIS
3 RECOMMENDATION UNDER ITEM 57.

4

5 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION IS SECOND ON THE AMENDMENT. LET
6 ME JUST STATE THAT ON YOUR FURTHER MOVE, WE ALREADY HAVE A
7 REPORT COMING BACK NEXT WEEK FROM THE C.E.O. AND OUR STAFF HAS
8 BEEN WORKING RELATIVE TO OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVING
9 THAT SYSTEM. AND THE FIRST PART, I WOULD MOVE, THAT WE PROCEED
10 WITH THE ORDINANCE AS VOTED ON LAST WEEK, RATIFYING IT THIS
11 WEEK. BUT THAT DOESN'T PRECLUDED DOING FURTHER ADVANCEMENTS OR
12 REFORMS THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT WEEK'S REPORT THAT THE
13 C.E.O. IS GOING TO BE PRESENTING TO THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR MARK
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I APPRECIATE THE
17 POINT THAT YOU HAVE EXPRESSED. LET ME SIMPLY SUGGEST THAT
18 THERE'S AN ABUNDANCE OF WISDOM IN THE APPROACH OFFERED BY
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE TO THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR
20 RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STAFF, OR CHIEF DEPUTIES FOR THEM TO BE
21 ABLE TO CONSTITUTE AN APPROPRIATE WORKING GROUP THAT LOOKS
22 SPECIFICALLY AT SOME OF THE GOVERNANCE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE
23 BEEN DISCUSSING THAT ARE MORE SYSTEMIC IN NATURE RATHER THAN
24 SOMEWHAT AD HOC AS IT RELATES TO TWO DEPARTMENTS, JUST SIMPLY
25 STRIKES ME AS BEING A MORE THOUGHTFUL WAY TO PROCEED. AND I



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1 WANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT AND TRUST THAT WE CAN MOVE IN
2 THAT DIRECTION. NOT TO DO THAT SEEMS TO ME TO LACK APPROPRIATE
3 LEVEL OF DUE PROCESS. NOT TO DO SO ESSENTIALLY, IN MY VIEW,
4 ISSUES AN EVALUATION OR DRAWS THE CONCLUSION WITHOUT AN
5 APPROPRIATE EVALUATIVE PROCESS. I ESSENTIALLY TRIED TO
6 COMMUNICATE THAT LAST WEEK. THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. IS
7 OCCUPIED BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY WHO REPORTS DIRECTLY TO
8 THE BOARD. I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS ACURATELY CAPTURED THE
9 SENTIMENT OF THE BOARD AS TO THE RATIONALE FOR THE STRUCTURE
10 AS IT EXISTS. AND IT'S WORTH REPEATING, AND I'M PREPARED TO BE
11 CONTRADICTED IF IT IS NOT ACCURATE THAT THERE WAS A BELIEF
12 THAT THE PREVIOUS STRUCTURE, WHICH REQUIRED DECISIONS, LARGE
13 AND SMALL, TO BE VETTED THROUGH THE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS. IF IT
14 IS THE CASE THAT IT IMPEDED RESOLUTION, IF IT DID FOSTER
15 MICROMANAGING AND THE LIKE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THOSE VERY
16 ISSUES OBTAIN WITH RESPECT TO REVERTING TO A SYSTEM WHERE WE
17 TAKE OVER TO THE PROBLEM DEPARTMENTS OF DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE
18 PARTICULAR CHALLENGES. AND IT'S WELL KNOWN THAT SUCH IS THE
19 CASE. BUT TO DO SO WITHOUT HAVING A PLAN, TO DO SO WITHOUT
20 HAVING THE BENEFIT OF A CONVERSATION IN A DELIBERATIVE WAY
21 WITH THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD STRIKES ME AGAIN AS BEING
22 IMPRUDENT. TO TAKE DEPARTMENT'S ABSENT ARTICULATION OF WHAT
23 DIRECTION WE EXPECT THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO HEAD IN DOESN'T
24 COMPORT WITH AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PLANNING. IT DOESN'T BODE
25 WELL, IN MY VIEW, FOR AN OUTCOME. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WE WOULD



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1 WANT TO SET PRIORITIES AND SET THE STAGE FOR WHAT THOSE
2 DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS MAY VERY WELL BE DOING
3 PURSUANT TO OUR EXPECTATIONS. AND SO WHILE THE SENTIMENT THAT
4 HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IS ON THE TABLE, IT IS NOT AS WELL
5 PRESENTED, AS WELL THOUGHT OUT AS I WOULD THINK IT COULD BE.
6 IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT CAN'T BE BETTER DONE, BUT THIS IS A
7 SYSTEMIC APPROACH, I THINK, THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE PLACES
8 BEFORE US THAT COULD BE INCLUSIVE OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE
9 BEEN BROUGHT FORTH BY WAY OF THE ORDINANCE. BUT TO MOVE
10 FORWARD ABSENT CLARITY ONLY WILL RESULT IN THE LACK OF CLARITY
11 AND COMPOUNDING THE VERY ISSUES THAT THE CURRENT SYSTEM SOUGHT
12 TO OBTAIN IN THE FIRST INSTANCE. AND SO I WOULD JUST SIMPLY
13 HOPE THAT THE 45 DAYS THAT INCLUDES THEN THE WORK THAT HAS
14 ALREADY BEEN CONTEMPLATED FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WOULD BE
15 THE WAY IN WHICH WE WOULD PROCEED.

16

17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. CALL THE ROLL.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS ON MY MOTION

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21 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON THE AMENDMENT.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS CALLING ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION,
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

16

17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. AMENDMENT FAILS. ON THE MOTION, SO
18 MOVED, SECONDED BY MOLINA. CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOPE.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** KNABE NO.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

12

13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE. SO ORDERED. NEXT WEEK, THERE WILL
14 BE A FURTHER REPORT BACK ON THOSE. I KNOW ONE OF THE
15 SUGGESTIONS WAS THE ELIMINATION OF ALL D.C.E.O.S ETCETERA,
16 ETCETERA, BUT WE'LL HAVE A FLUID DISCUSSION NEXT WE CAN WHEN
17 WE HAVE A REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN THE ACTION SO WHAT'S THE
20 PURPOSE OF THE- YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN THE ACTION.

21

22 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO THAT'S ON THOSE TWO REPORTS. BUT
23 WE'RE SAYING THE RE-ALIGNMENT IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S STILL PART OF THE DISCUSSION. SO YOU'RE
2 SEPARATING THEM OUT?

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT WILL COME BACK, YES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** IT IS NOT REALLY DISCUSSION, THEN.

7

8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO THE ORDINANCE WAS RATIFIED, BUT
9 NEXT WEEK WE HAD AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA THAT WAS CONTINUED TILL
10 NEXT WEEK ON RE-ALIGNMENT. AND THERE ARE OTHER FACETS TO RE-
11 ALIGNMENT THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED. AND THE C.E.O. WILL BE
12 MAKING A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE ITEM THAT WAS
13 CONTINUED FROM TODAY'S MEETING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR?

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17 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. CAN YOU CLARIFY FOR
20 THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD WHAT, THEN, WE WOULD
21 EXPECT TO BE PRESENTED NEXT WEEK? BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
22 THIS DECISION TO MOVE THE ORDINANCE FORWARD EFFECTIVELY PRE-
23 EMPTS A MORE SUBSTANTIAL OR BASIC VIEW OF REFORMING THE
24 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE. WE'VE EXEMPTED TWO DEPARTMENTS WITHOUT A
25 SUFFICIENT EXPLANATION OR JUSTIFICATION. THAT'S WHAT I THINK



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1 WE OUGHT DO IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THIS. OTHERWISE, IT'S
2 PREDICTABLE THAT THERE WILL BE FIVE DISPARATE VIEWS ABSENT A
3 MEDIATING PRESENCE TO GET US TO CONSENSUS.

4

5 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M REFERRING TO THE DISCUSSION ITEM
6 THAT WE CONTINUED TO NEXT WEEK, WHICH WAS, I'LL JUST READ
7 THAT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH WAS THE WHOLE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE. IT
10 WASN'T JUST THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY.

13

14 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OR A REPORT BY THE C.E.O. ON A
15 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CLUSTER AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
16 TO REALIGN DEPARTMENTS TO REFLECT THE COUNTY'S PROGRAMMATIC
17 OPERATION GOALS, PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATION CHANGES
18 INCLUDING BUDGETARY SAVINGS AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AS
19 REQUESTED AT THE MEETING OF MARCH 8TH. CONTINUED TO 4/19,
20 4/26, 5/10 AND AGAIN CONTINUED TODAY TO NEXT WEEK. THAT'S THE
21 ITEM I'M TALKING ABOUT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO AND
24 I GUESS IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THERE IS IN ANY PLACE THAT CAN
25 BE POINTED TO BY THE MAKER OF THE MOTION AND/OR SUPPORTERS OF



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1 THE MOTION THAT OFFERS AN EXPLANATION OR RATIONALE FOR THE
2 ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE. IS THERE ANY DOCUMENT?

3

4 **SUP YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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6 **MIKE ANONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE'VE DISPOSED OF THIS ITEM.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES BUT ZEV, WHAT ESSENTIALLY I'M DOING

11 IS-

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS FOLLOWING YOUR BAD HABITS. AND I STAND

16 CORRECTED AT THAT POINT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M SIMPLY TRYING TO GET ON THE RECORD

21 SOMEWHERE THE JUSTIFICATION, THE EXPLANATION, THE RATIONALE.

22 AND IF ANYONE CAN POINT IT OUT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL. OTHER THAN

23 THE ASSERTION OF "I WANT IT. WE CAN GET IT, SO LET US DO IT."

24 I'M TRYING TO PUSH DOWN TO A RATIONALE. I DON'T KNOW ANY PLACE

25 WHERE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S JUST SAY THE RATIONALE IS WE HAD
3 AN INTERIM ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS NOT A PERMANENT ORDINANCE.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

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7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT COULD BE MODIFIED AT THE
8 DISCRETION OF THE BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

11

12 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DISCRETION WAS EXERCISED LAST WEEK,
13 RATIFIED TODAY. WE'VE ALSO ASKED THE C.E.O. AND OUR STAFFS
14 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN MAKE FURTHER
15 MODIFICATIONS AND TO HAVE AN EVOLVING DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUE.
16 AND THE ISSUE THAT COMES BACK NEXT WEEK IS THE FURTHERANCE OF
17 THOSE MEETINGS THAT OUR STAFFS HAVE BEEN HAVING.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND THAT ON THAT WHICH IS
20 PROSPECTIVE. I'M ESSENTIALLY ASKING THE QUESTION ABOUT
21 D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'VE DISPOSED OF THE ITEM.
24 WE SHOULD MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, IS SOUNDS LIKE
2 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS THERE'S A BIT OF ROLE REVERSAL HERE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH PLEASE DON'T ACCUSE ME OF THAT.

5 [LAUGHTER.]

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN I ACCCEPT THE ROLE REVERSAL HERE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I APPRECIATE THE REPORT COMING BACK, THAT'S NOT
10 THE ISSUE. THE ISSUE IS YOU'VE ALREADY MADE A PREVIOUS
11 DETERMINED DECISION TO THE DEPARTMENT. SO WHAT RATIONALE DOES
12 THAT HAVE AS IT RELATES TO THE OVERALL ISSUE COMING BACK? THAT
13 WAS THE PURPOSE OF MY MOTION WAS TO LOOK AT IT AS A WHOLE, NOT
14 PIECEMEAL. THERE IS NO OTHER ACTION. I MEAN THERE WERE THREE
15 VOTES THERE TO MOVE IT. BUT AT LEAST LOOK AT THIS OPERATION AS
16 A WHOLE, NOT PIECEMEAL.

17

18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL LOOK AT THE OPERATION AS A
19 WHOLE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AFTER YOU MADE AN ACTION TO REMOVE IT.

22

23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. THAT WAS A PART OF THE INTERIM
24 ORDINANCE THAT WE DISCUSSED. BUT, AGAIN, THE ORDINANCE IS AN
25 INTERIM ONE THAT WAS PASSED, WHAT, THREE YEARS AGO. ANYWAY,



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1 ANOTHER POINT. THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT BACK. MR. FUJIOKA,
2 RELATIVE TO THE ELEVATORS, WE HAD ANOTHER DELEGATION STUCK IN
3 THE ELEVATORS YESTERDAY, AND I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR KNABE HAD
4 A DEPUTY STUCK IN HIS ELEVATOR. AND ALSO WE HAD STAFF STUCK IN
5 OUR ELEVATORS DURING THE PAST COUPLE WEEKS. ONE OF MY DEPUTIES
6 LOOKED AT THE CERTIFICATION IT SAYS 2009 LAST INSPECTED. I
7 SHOULD SAY BILL FUJIOKA CONTACTED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WHO
8 INDICATED THE STATE IS DELINQUENT IN THEIR INSPECTIONS BUT THE
9 COUNTY IS INSPECTING THEM. AND THE QUESTION THAT I WOULD
10 PERHAPS IF YOU COULD REPORT BACK. IF YOU HAVE AN OLD CAR AND
11 YOU PUT IN AN OLD ENGINE, THE CAR HAS A NEW ENGINE AND RUNS
12 PRETTY WELL. HAVE WE EVER EXPLORED NOT JUST HERE BUT ALSO NOW
13 THAT THE STATES HAVE THE COURTS BUT ALSO WE COULD ASSIST THE
14 STATE, WHAT WOULD IT COST TO PUT IN NEW EQUIPMENT IN THE
15 COUNTY ELEVATORS AND ALSO FOR THE COURTHOUSE? I KNOW THOSE OF
16 US WHO SERVED ON JURY DUTY AND THAT'S EVERYBODY IN THE
17 AUDIENCE, INCLUDING THOSE THAT SIT UP AT THIS DIAS RIGHT NOW,
18 HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT TIME GETTING TO THE COURT BECAUSE YOU
19 WAIT A LIFETIME FOR THE ELEVATOR. MAYBE WE WOULD ASK THE
20 PUBLIC WORKS, NOT PUBLIC WORKS BUT I.S.D. IF THEY COULD GIVE
21 US KIND OF A SYNOPSIS OR BALLPARK FIGURE WHAT IT WOULD COST TO
22 UPGRADE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR I HAVE A SUGGESTION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BY THE WAY, THE ELEVATORS THAT ARE WORKING
2 ALSO DON'T SOUND TOO SAFE TO ME, THEY WERE JIGGLING.

3

4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
5 I TAKE THE STEPS FROM THE FOURTH FLOOR UP TO THE EIGHTH FLOOR
6 FOR THE EXERCISE WE DO OUR EXERCISE IN IN THE MORNING.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE A MOTION, MR. MAYOR, IF YOU'RE
9 PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN IT?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE YOU GOING TO PUT I.S.D. UNDER BOARD SURVISION?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I'M DOING. I'M GOING
14 TO MOVE IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE ELEVATORS DON'T WORK
15 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
16 DEPARTMENT, MAKE THAT DEPARTMENT REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD
17 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING THESE THINGS UNDER ORDER.

18 [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S GOOD. LET'S PUT THAT ON THE
21 AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK. I'LL DO THAT TOO.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, ONE OTHER IMPORTANT POINT ABOUT THE
24 ELEVATOR SITUATION. ONE OF THE THINGS WE FOUND OUT, THAT THE
25 WIRING SYSTEM WAS NOT NECESSARILY CORRECT, TOO, WHEN YOU



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1 INDICATE YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY. MR. TINDALL HAS ASSURED ME
2 THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT EVERY ELEVATOR TO FIX THAT. WHERE THE
3 BELL WAS RINGING IS NOT WHERE PEOPLE ARE. AND SO MY STAFF
4 MEMBER WAS STUCK IN THERE FOR OVER AN HOUR. AND FINALLY WAS
5 ABLE TO-

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BY HIMSELF?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** BY HERSELF.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT ALARM SYSTEM WAS FIXED. THE ALARM SYSTEM
12 WAS FIXED, THEY REWIRED THAT. I HAVE TALKED TO TOM TINDALL,
13 OUR DIRECTOR OF I.S.D. HE WILL BE PROVIDING AND I'LL
14 SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDE TO THIS BOARD, A REPORT ON THE ONGOING
15 MAINTENANCE. WE'LL LOOK AT EQUIPMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THEY
16 MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT FAIRLY WELL. WITH RESPECT TO THE
17 COURTHOUSES, GIVEN THAT'S THE PROPERTY OF THE COURTHOUSES I
18 HAD HOPED THEY'D GIVE US MONEY WHEN THEY PROPERLY MAINTAIN
19 THEM. BUT WE WILL REPORT BACK.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHILE WE'RE AT IT, CAN I JUST BRING UP THE
22 SUBJECT OF THE WATER PIPES THAT BUSTED IN MY OFFICE FRIDAY
23 NIGHT?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AGAIN.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT AFFECTED YOUR OFFICE, TOO.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT BUT IT'S LIKE THE THIRD TIME.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS A FIRST FOR US.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, YOU HAD IT A FEW YEARS AGO.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, ANYWAY, MAYBE YOU COULD FIND OUT
11 WHAT'S GOING ON BACKUP IN THE AIR CONDITIONING?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BE THANKFUL IT'S ONLY A BACKUP IN THE AIR
14 CONDITIONING. BUT WE WILL-

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD THAT PROBLEM, TOO. THAT WAS TWO WEEKS
17 AGO.

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19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS WE REPORT BACK ON THAT, WE'LL ALSO REPORT
20 BACK ON THAT PLUMBING ISSUE. I HEARD IT IMPACTED THREE
21 OFFICES?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE SECOND FLOOR.



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2 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH WE DISCUSSED
3 YESTERDAY, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU TODAY. ON THE EMPLOYEE COUNT
4 THAT WE RECEIVE, IT STATES THAT WE'VE ALWAYS HAD APPROXIMATELY
5 91,200 WELL THE THIRD QUARTER IS 90,667 COUNTY EMPLOYEES OF
6 WHICH 48,953 ARE THOSE THAT ARE CONTRACTED WITH THE CITIES AND
7 THEN STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES AND 41,714 ARE COUNTY. AND
8 THEN WHEN A QUESTION ON THE SUMMARY OF COUNTY POPULATION
9 EMPLOYEES, IT STATES "101,039." COULD YOU EXPLAIN, MR.
10 FUJIOKA, AGAIN HOW THAT WORKS? YOU WERE MENTIONING IT WAS
11 PART-TIME?

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13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S ESSENTIALLY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FILLED
14 POSITIONS AND BUDGETED POSITIONS. BECAUSE MOST OF IT, NOT ALL
15 OF OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE A SALARY SAVINGS FACTOR. THERE'S A
16 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BUDGETED POSITIONS THAT ARE VACANT THAT
17 I HAVE TO REACH THAT SALARY SAVINGS FACTOR. AND SO WHAT WE
18 HAVE IN THOSE TWO REPORTS IS WE COUNT ACTUAL BODIES ON THE
19 POSITIONS VERSUS THE BUDGETED POSITIONS. BUT THERE'S ALSO, AS
20 YOU ALLUDED TO, IS THE ISSUE OF HAVING A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY
21 AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN TIME. SAY IN OUR LIBRARIES OR OUR PARKS
22 OR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS THAT DO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES. SO
23 IT'S A COUNT OF BODIES ON POSITIONS VERSUS A COUNT OF JUST
24 BUDGETED POSITIONS THAT COMPRISE THE DIFFERENCE.

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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT SHOWS THAT WE HAVE A DECLINE FROM
2 2009-10 TO 2010-11 AGAIN TO APPROXIMATELY 556 PEOPLE. BUT THAT
3 WOULD MEAN WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 10,000 UNFILLED POSITIONS. IF
4 WE HAVE 101,039 VERSUS 90,667.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF UNFILLED
7 POSITIONS.

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9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN WE USE THOSE UNFILLED POSITIONS TO
10 HELP BALANCE OUR BUDGET IN THOSE AREAS WHERE WE HAVE
11 SHORTFALLS?

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13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, ACTUALLY, WE HAVE ELIMINATED A LARGE
14 NUMBER OF UNFILLED POSITIONS AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO MAINTAIN
15 A BALANCE OF BUDGET. WE'VE DONE THAT. BUT THE VACANT POSITIONS
16 HAVE ALREADY BEEN FACTORED INTO OUR CURRENT BUDGET. AND THEY
17 ARE, THEY DO REPRESENT, LIKE I MENTIONED, A SALARY SAVINGS
18 COMPONENT IN EVERY SINGLE DEPARTMENT. SO WE HAVE DONE THAT.

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20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE
21 BOARD ON SALARY SAVINGS FOR EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS?

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR. WE'LL DO IT ON THE DOLLAR AMOUNT AND
24 ACTUALLY DO IT BY POSITION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT ALSO HELPS AS A BUDGET DELIBERATION.

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3 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT, RIGHT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR?

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7 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I FORGOT WHEN I DID MY ADJOURNMENTS I DID HAVE A
10 READ-IN MOTION. THE LEADER SYSTEM WAS ORIGINALLY
11 CONCEPTUALIZED BACK IN 1990 HERE HERE AND IT CURRENTLY
12 DETERMINES THE ELIGIBILITY AND ISSUES CASH ASSISTANCE FOR OVER
13 2.4 MILLION BENEFICIARIES HERE IN THE COUNTY. THE
14 SUSTAINABILITY OF THE LEADER SYSTEM BEYOND THE CURRENT
15 CONTRACT TERM IS UNCERTAIN AND MAY PROVE TO BE MORE COSTLY
16 THAN ACTUALLY REPLACING LEADER WITH A MORE MODERN SYSTEM.
17 PROPOSED REPLACEMENT SYSTEM KNOWN AS L.R.S. WILL RESOLVE
18 SEVERAL MAJOR ISSUES INCLUDING OUTDATED TECHNOLOGY, CAPACITY
19 LIMITATION, COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND SO ON. YESTERDAY, THE
20 GOVERNOR PROPOSED IN HIS MAY REVISE TO SUSPEND THE ENTIRE
21 PROJECT AND CUT ITS FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING, WHICH IS
22 APPROXIMATELY 75 MILLION DOLLARS IN FISCAL 2011-12 AND 26.2
23 MILLION FROM STATE GENERAL FUNDS IN AN EFFORT TO CLOSE THE
24 REMAINING DEFICIT. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S BEEN
25 INFORMAL ASSURANCES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THIS FUNDING



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1 WILL BE RESTORED IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, IT MUST BE
2 ACKNOWLEDGED I THINK PUBLICLY THAT THE SUSPENSION OF L.R.S.
3 COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR COUNTY AND FORSAKE MANY, MANY
4 YEARS OF INVESTMENTS AND EFFORTS WHICH REALLY HAS RESULTED IN
5 MOST VIABLE SOLUTION TO CONTINUE DELIVERING TIMELY AND
6 EFFECTIVE SERVICES. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT OUR BOARD DIRECTOR,
7 C.E.O., AND C.I.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
8 SERVICES TO WORK WITH THE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO
9 TO EXPLAIN TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT ANY DELAY TO THE LEADER
10 REPLACEMENT SYSTEM WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
11 THE 2.4 MILLION PEOPLE WHO RELY ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
12 TIMELY DELIVERY OF BENEFITS. I SAY IT FOR US BECAUSE WE HAVE
13 OUR OWN LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES DO IT, BUT IT'S REALLY A
14 STATEWIDE ISSUE. SO JUST TO GET US ON RECORD THAT THE
15 IMPORTANCE OF THIS IN AN UNTIMELY SITUATION COULD PUT US IN
16 GREAT JEOPARDY. SINCE IT'S COME TO OUR ATTENTION.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

19

20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** VOTE ON THAT THIS WEEK?

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

23

24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OR REPORT BACK

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** NO WE CAN MOVE ON THIS TODAY RIGHT?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S MOVING A FINDING BE MADE THAT IT CAME
4 TO OUR ATTENTION SINCE THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

5

6 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION THEN SO
7 ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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11 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE.

14

15 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT? CHRISTOPHER
16 AGU, I GUESS IT IS. TIMOTHY LESTER? NORMAN FAGENS, LEE
17 PARADISE AND FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, NICOLE PARSON.

18

19 **TIM LESTER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIM LESTER AND I'M A PARTNER IN
21 COMPASSION CARE CENTER. WE PROVIDE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING
22 ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS. AND WE'RE CURRENTLY CONTRACTING WITH
23 THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. THE COUNTY HAS A
24 REQUIREMENT THAT I'D LIKE FOR THE BOARD TO RE-VISIT. THEY ARE
25 NOW REQUIRING FOR 50,000 DOLLAR CONTRACT AGENCIES SUCH AS MINE



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1 HAVE TO MATCH THAT DOLLAR PER DOLLAR. WE HAVE TO PURCHASE A
2 C.D. IN THE AMOUNT OF 50,000 DOLLARS MAKING THE COUNTY A PAYEE
3 ALTHOUGH THEY'VE NEVER GIVEN US A DIME. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW
4 WE ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN A FACILITY WHILE THIS PROCESS IS
5 ONGOING, PAY STAFF AS REQUIRED BY THEIR REGULATIONS, AND BE
6 ABLE TO SURVIVE. CURRENTLY SEVERAL SMALL AGENCIES ARE FOLDING
7 UP, THOSE STARTUP AGENCIES BECUASE THEY DON'T MEET THE
8 REQUIREMENT THAT SAYS IN ORDER TO NOT POST A BOND, PUT UP A
9 C.D., YOU HAVE TO IN BUSINESS FOR FOUR YEARS. THAT'S AN
10 ABSOLUTE JOB KILLER. AND IT KILLS THE IDEA OF HIRING
11 EMPLOYEES. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE EVER RUN A SMALL
12 BUSINESS, EACH MODALITY THAT WE PROVIDE IN A COUNTY THAT HAS
13 CONTRACTS FOR, WE HAVE TO MATCH THEM DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR WITH A
14 C.D. AND THAT'S A KILLER. AND I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO RE-VISIT THE
15 POLICY BECAUSE IT REALLY PUTS A STRAIN ON US. WE SPENT OVER
16 150,000 DOLLARS IN RENT WHILE THIS PROCESS WAS GOING ON. AND
17 THOUSANDS MORE IN SALARIES AND UTILITIES. YET WE STILL HAVEN'T
18 GOTTEN A DIME. WHEN THE STATE RAN THIS PROGRAM, THAT
19 REQUIREMENT WASN'T IN PLACE. THE COUNTY JUST TOOK OVER THIS
20 PROGRAM AS A RESULT OF THAT SMOLEY LAWSUIT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE
21 APPLIED FOR THAT. IF I HAD KNOWN THEY WERE GOING TO CHANGE TO
22 THE COUNTY, I NEVER WOULD HAVE OPENED.

23

24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. MR. FUJIOKA,
25 WOULD THIS BE SOMETHING FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS? WHICH



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1 DEPARTMENT WOULD REVIEW THAT THE LICENSING, THE COST FEE
2 STRUCTURE?

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GIVE ME A COUPLE MINUTES TO CHECK. OH, WE CAN
5 START WITH I.S.D. THEY DO HAVE A SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE
6 GROUP. IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, WE'LL HAVE OUR T.T.C.P.

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8 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HAVE I.S.D. LOOK INTO THAT.
9 WE'LL HAVE THEM GET INTO CONTACT WITH YOU.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SIR, WE'LL GATHER INFORMATION ON THE SIDE
12 HERE.

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14 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL GET YOUR NAME OVER THERE AND
15 FOLLOW-UP ON THAT, SIR. THANK YOU.

16

17 **TIM LESTER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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19 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

20

21 **NORMAN FAGEN:** HI, MY NAME IS NORMAN FAGEN. I WAS HERE MAYBE
22 ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO. I WANT TO SAY GOOD MORNING TO
23 EVERYBODY. MY CONCERN IS OVER THE SECOND DISTRICT. MR.
24 THOMPSON, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, I WANT TO THANK THE
25 DEPUTIES THAT YOU ASSIGNED TO ME. IT WAS REAL FAST. IT WAS



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1 KIND OF SURPRISING. THEY ASSIGNED ME TO A JOB SITE THAT WAS
2 GOING ON IN SOUTH CENTRAL AROUND 105TH AND VERMONT. BUT THE
3 PROBLEM, THOUGH, SEEMED TO LIE WITHIN YOU GUYS. YOU GAVE THEM
4 THE STIPULATION THAT YOU GVAE ME. IT HAD SOME ERRORS IN THERE
5 AND IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW. I SPOKE WITH ANOTHER
6 CONTRACTOR OUT OF, I FORGOT THE NAME, ELLIOT'S CONSTRUCTION. I
7 SPOKE WITH HIM. THEY GOT ME IN THERE. BUT IT JUST LASTED
8 MAINLY ABOUT 90 DAYS. THE MAJORITY OF THEIR WORKERS WERE
9 HISPANIC. THEY REALLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH. THE PLANS
10 WERE DONE IN ENGLISH. THEY HAD GENTLEMEN COME BACK AND SEE
11 WHAT EVERYBODY GET PAID, THEY'RE GETTING PAID PAVILLION WAGES
12 WHICH IS WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN GETTING PAID, BUT SOME
13 THEY WERE GETTING PAID SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE THEY HAD TO GO
14 BACK AND KICK IT BACK TO THE PERSON WHO WAS PAYING THEM. SO
15 REALLY IT WASN'T NO WAY KIND OF FINDING OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON.
16 EVEN SOME OF THE WORK THAT I'D DONE THERE, IT WAS TAKEN DOWN
17 AND REDONE THE WRONG WAY. I DON'T KNOW WAS THAT AN ISSUE IN
18 GETTING ME OFF THE PROJECT THE FOUR OF US? FOUR AFRICAN-
19 AMERICANS GOT HIRED ON IT. TWO WAS LAID OFF, WHICH ONE WAS
20 MYSELF. AND THE WHOLE FIRST FLOOR, IT WAS A THREE STORY
21 BUILDING, THE FIRST FLOOR WAS DONE AND IT HAD TO BE REWORKED.
22 AND THE REWORK COST MAYBE 580 SOME THOUSAND. SO WHEN YOU LOOK
23 AT PEOPLE LOOKING FOR WORK AND THEN YOU LOOK AT THIS KIND OF
24 STUFF GOING ON, IT'S KIND OF HARD TO FIX IT. SO THEY'RE
25 BUILDING ANOTHER PROJECT THAT IS ON 68 AND NORMANDY. I DON'T



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1 DESIRE TO BE ON THAT ONE. IF YOU GUYS, IF YOU WILL, MR.
2 THOMPSON, I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU CAN ASSIGN THOSE SAME
3 DEPUTIES TO ME BY THEM KNOW KNOWING ME THEY WENT TO WORK FOR
4 ME AND SEE CAN THEY GET ME IN AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING
5 PROJECT BECAUSE I ALREADY SPOKE TO THEM AND THEY SUPPOSED TO
6 BE INTERVIEWING ME TOMORROW. IT WAS JUST SOMETHING BEYOND.
7 WHEN YOUR DEPUTIES, YOUR SENIOR ADVISER WAS TALKING TO ME, HE
8 SAID "COME BACK AND GIVE US FEEDBACK." BECAUSE HE SAID "WE
9 DON'T KNOW IT ALL" AND IF I'M A CONTRACTOR MYSELF AND I DON'T
10 DO THOSE KIND OF THINGS AND I WORK AND PEOPLE THAT IS DOING
11 THOSE KIND OF THINGS, WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT THE ECONOMY?

12

13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

14

15 **CHRISTOPHER AGU:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
16 IS CHRISTOPHER AGU. I'M HERE TO KIND OF SPEAK ALSO ON WHAT THE
17 FIRST SPEAKER HAD SAID. I'M FROM HILL STREET COMMUNITY
18 WELLNESS CENTER. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST
19 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, GLORIA MOLINA BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN VERY
20 INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING AND WORKING WITH US, ESPECIALLY HER
21 OFFICE, ACTUALLY. THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE HAVING RIGHT NOW IS
22 THE FUND THAT THE COUNTY IS ASKING US TO HAVE IN OUR ACCOUNT.
23 WE SMALL BUSINESS. WE DOING RIGHT NOW IS TRYING TO PROVIDING
24 JOBS TO THE COMMUNITY. AND ALSO SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES LIKE
25 STUDENTS FROM U.S.C. AND SOME OTHER SCHOOLS AROUND THE



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1 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVING RIGHT NOW IS THAT
2 WE HAVE PROBLEM TRYING TO SUSTAIN THE EMPLOYEES BECAUSE WE
3 HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR OUR LICENSE AND FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS AND
4 TWO MONTHS RIGHT NOW. AND WAITING FOR THE LICENSE HAS CREATED
5 MORE BURDEN ON US TRYING TO PAY THE EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDE
6 HEALTH BENEFITS FOR THEM. SO WE DON'T WANT TO LAY THEM OFF
7 BECAUSE THEY HAVE FAMILIES. JUST LIKE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
8 AND D.C.F.S. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LAYING OFF. IF WE LAY THOSE
9 PEOPLE OFF, THEY NEED JOBS. AND WE'RE TRYING TO PROVIDE JOBS
10 FOR THEM. SO IF WE CAN GET OUR LICENSE AND THE IMPACT OF
11 PRESENTING THIS FUND IN OUR ACCOUNT, THEN THEY'RE GOING TO
12 PROBABLY COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT FOR A YEAR AND THEN THEY'LL BE
13 OUT THERE LOOKING FOR JOBS. AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS
14 KIND OF APPEAL TO YOU GUYS TO SEE HOW THE COUNTY CAN HELP US
15 AS SMALL BUSINESS PROVIDE THOSE JOBS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND
16 PROVIDE SERVICES THAT OUR COMMUNITY NEED, THANK YOU.

17

18 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PARADISE?

19

20 **LEE PARADISE:** RE-VISITED, THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD DAY FOR ME
21 BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN HERE, AND I CAN'T
22 SAY THAT I'M DISAPPOINTED. I MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT AWARE OF
23 HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS. AND I HAD HOPED AND I THINK YOU DID
24 APPROVE MS. STEINHAUSER FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EVEN THOUGH
25 I GAVE YOU EVIDENCE THAT SHE SHOULD NOT BE SO WILL PROBABLY BE



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1 TAKING A LITIGIOUS LOOK AT THIS THING IF I CAN STATE THAT AT
2 THIS POINT IN TIME. BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY IT'S A GOOD DAY
3 BECAUSE I LIKE THE TRUTH. AND WHAT I SAY IS THE TRUTH CAN BE
4 YOUR FRIEND. AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT AND YOU HAVE TO GET TO
5 KNOW IT, IT MAY KICK YOU IN THE REAR. BUT ONCE YOU GET USED TO
6 IT, YOU'LL COME TO IDENTIFY IT AS SOMETHING THAT HELPS YOU AND
7 HELPS YOU SEE WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING BEFORE YOU. AND ONCE
8 YOU DO GET TO KNOW THE TRUTH, YOU CAN SEE THROUGH WALLS. AND
9 YOU CAN SEE THINGS THAT ARE COMING THAT HAVEN'T EVEN ARRIVED
10 YET. AND SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WILL BE TAKING ANOTHER
11 TACT AT THIS. WE'RE NOT GIVING UP. I DON'T RELY SOLELY ON YOU
12 TO GIVE ME MY BREAD AND WATER. I HAVE TO TAKE WHATEVER
13 RECOURSE THAT I MIGHT HAVE AVAILABLE TO ME TO TRY TO GET THIS
14 MATTER STRAIGHTENED OUT. AND LIKE I SAID IN 2003, EVEN THOUGH
15 THE BOARD DIDN'T RECOGNIZE IT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SHUT DOWN
16 THIS LIBRARY, AND THEY DIDN'T. I SAID YOU CAN GET MONEY. THEY
17 GOT IT. NOW THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF IT. THEY WANT TO THROW IT
18 AWAY. AND THEY'RE DOING THINGS QUITE OUT OF ORDER. WE'RE GOING
19 TO GET IT IN ORDER IN A GOOD, SOUND, RIGHTEOUS, PEACEFUL WAY.
20 AND YOU GUYS, YOU KNOW, HOW MANY MILLIONS OF HOURS DOES ONE
21 HAVE TO LIVE TO GET TO 70 YEARS OLD? 6 MILLION? 7 MILLION? 8
22 MILLION? NO. 619,000, 619,000 HOURS. THAT'S ALL YOU GET FOR 70
23 YEARS OLD. SO WHY CAN'T WE DO THE RIGHT THING WITH THE SHORT
24 LIFE SPAN WE HAVE?

25



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY ARE HAVING SOME MEETINGS TO
2 FOLLOW-UP ON OTHER CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY. SOME OF THOSE
3 INCLUDE THE POINTS THAT YOU WERE SUGGESTING. AND THAT MEETING
4 IS FORTHCOMING. SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE, BUT
5 THEY ARE GOING TO BE ADDRESSING HOW WE CAN CHANGE SOME OF THE
6 SYSTEMS THERE.

7

8 **LEE PARADISE:** OKAY. WELL THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THAT. AND I
9 HOPE IT WORKS OUT FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU.

10

11 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP IS
12 NICOLE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY? OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO DO NICOLE. BUT
13 ALSO WALTER BECKTEL, JOHN WALSH, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, AND ERIC
14 PREVEN.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I DO MY ADJOURNMENT? I JUST
17 HAVE ONE.

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19 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I APOLOGIZE.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
22 JOE A. ENCINAS. HE'S THE BELOVED FATHER OF EAST LOS ANGELES
23 COMMUNITY ACTIVIST ELLEN CHAPLIN OUR COMMUNITY. JOE WAS A LONG
24 TIME RESIDENT OF THE UNION PACIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD. HIS TIRELESS
25 CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS GREATLY BENEFITED OUR FIRST DISTRICT. SO



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1 WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS ENTIRE
2 FAMILY.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
5 DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, NICOLE?

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11 **NICOLE PARSON:** HI. FIRST I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE D.C.F.S.
12 YOU KNOW, D.C.F.S, I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THE OTHER,
13 THERE'S GIRLS IN OUR COURTHOUSES, THERE'S FAMILIES IN OUR
14 COURTHOUSES THAT DON'T DO, LIKE WHAT IS IT CALLED? I DON'T
15 KNOW. SOME TYPE OF GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE. THEY DON'T KNOW.
16 SO ALL THEIR LIVES ARE RUINED FROM D.C.F.S. AND D.C.F.S. DOES
17 UNETHICAL THINGS. SAY FOR ME, I MEAN, I FOUND OUT THERE'S
18 CERTAIN THINGS THAT SOMEONE COULD TAKE A CHILD FROM THE
19 HOSPITAL THAT DOESN'T HAVE A WARRANT? AND THEN SOME THINGS
20 THEY HAVE TO TAKE THE CHILD FROM THE HOSPITAL THAT THEY DO
21 HAVE A WARRANT. AND BY ASSERTING THAT TAKING THE CHILD FROM
22 THE HOSPITAL AUTOMATICALLY THE JUDGE HAS TO TAKE JURISDICTION
23 TO CONTINUE PROTECTION OF THAT CHILD. AND FOR FILING A
24 PETITION IN THAT MANNER WHILE NOT EVEN MENTIONED TAKING THE
25 CHILD UNDER THE FALSE PRETENSE IS DISRUPTIVE TO EVERYTHING.



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1 THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU, SUPERVISORS, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I
2 THINK YOU'RE SORT OF RIGHT ABOUT WE NEED MORE TIME. I WANT TO
3 ASK YOUR SUPPORT FOR UNITE LANCASTER APPLICATION. AND LIKE
4 THERE'S DEMERIT SYSTEMS THAT YOU COULD IMPLEMENT ON YOUR
5 CONTRACTORS AND LIKE SECRET SHOPPERS. BECAUSE IF I WAS A
6 SECRET SHOPPER, THEN D.C.F.S. WOULD HAVE BEEN (SOUNDS) BECAUSE
7 THEY DO EVERYTHING WRONG AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN A PERSON THAT
8 KNEW. OH, PUBLIC HEALTH. I THINK OBAMA CARE JUST ONLY SPURS
9 THE INDUSTRY BECAUSE IT'S ONLY- IT ONLY SHOWS THAT IT OVERALL
10 LOWERS HEALTHCARE BECAUSE IT SHOWS WHAT OTHER CONTRACTORS CAN
11 DO AND IT'S A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH JUST LIKE THE
12 RESTAURANTS. IT'S A MATTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THAT'S
13 EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

14

15 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, NICOLE. OKAY, BYE-BYE. MR.
16 BECKTEL?

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18 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, I GUESS, GOOD MORNING.
19 YOU STILL CUT US DOWN TO TWO MINUTES. MY NAME IS WALTER
20 BECKTEL. I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS
21 PERTINENT TO EVERYBODY. THE PRESIDENT THIS BIRTHERS THING.
22 I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF RESEARCH AT A WEBSITE CALLED
23 ARCHIVE.ORG. AND ON THE WEBSITE THEY PUBLISH AND THEY SHOW
24 OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS. AND ONE OF THEM IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT,
25 BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF BARACK OBAMA IN MOMBASA, KENYA. NOW I



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1 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LAW IS. I KNOW FROM WHAT I READ THAT HIS
2 MOTHER IS A NATIVE CITIZEN OF AMERICA. AND THAT'S NOT WHAT
3 BOTHERS ME. WHAT BOTHERS ME IS ALL THESE LIES THAT SURROUND
4 THIS SITUATION HERE. I MEAN OBVIOUSLY HE WAS BORN ON AUGUST
5 7TH OF 1961. WHY IS EVERYBODY TRYING TO DISGUISE THAT? YOU CAN
6 SEE THE DOCUMENT THERE IT HAS THE OFFICIAL STAMP OF MOMBASA,
7 KENYA. BRITISH PROTECTORATE AND EVERYTHING ELSE. WHY IS DONALD
8 TRUMP- WHY IS THIS OTHER BIRTH CERTIFICATE PRODUCED FROM THE
9 EIGHTH OF AUGUST BEING AUTHENTICATED AS REAL? I DON'T
10 UNDERSTAND ALL THIS. DONALD TRUMP INVOLVED LIKE THIS WAS HIS
11 IMPORTANT THING. AND NOW HE'S NOT GOING TO BOTHER RUNNING. AND
12 IT'S JUST OBVIOUS THAT HE WASN'T INTENDING TO RUN FOR
13 PRESIDENT, ANYWAY. I THINK THAT HONESTY IS IMPORTANT. IF
14 YOU'RE GOING TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY
15 IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAND UP THERE AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL
16 PEOPLE THAT I THINK YOU FATHERS AND MOTHERS OUGHT TO DO THIS
17 AND THAT, BUT THEN ON THE SIDE THEY REALIZE THAT WHAT THAT
18 ALSO INCLUDES IS SOMETIMES YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL THE TRUTH. I
19 DISAGREE WITH THAT. I THINK HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY NO
20 MATTER WHAT IT IS, ESPECIALLY IF IT COMES TO SOMETHING
21 IMPORTANT LIKE AN AUTHENTICATION OF A DOCUMENT LIKE A BIRTH
22 CERTIFICATE. I THINK THIS ATTITUDE IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE WELL-
23 BEING OF OUR COUNTRY.
24



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1 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MR. BECKTEL. THANK
2 YOU. MS. RAMIREZ?

3

4 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU, COUNTY PRESIDENT MICHAEL
5 ANTONOVICH FOR ITEM NO. 52 UPDATING THE IGOR SIKORSKY SH-3 SEA
6 KING CHOPPERS. BECAUSE IF OUR SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHOPPERS
7 PILOTS ARE SAFE UP IN THE SKIES, THEN WE, TOO, ON THE GROUND
8 ARE SAFE. THANK YOU ALL PILOTS AND U.S. MILITARY FOR AMERICA'S
9 PUBLIC SAFETY. WE THANK YOU. HAVING SAID THAT, WE BRING YOU A
10 DOUBLE COMPOUNDING PROBLEM IN EAST L.A. WHICH INVOLVES THE
11 LATINO GANG BANGERS AND CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS. THEY ARE
12 LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING AND THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST. 3721,
13 3738, 3739, 3744, 3748, 3749, 3750 AND 3759 AT EAST 55TH
14 STREET, MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. AND 3738 AND 3746 ON EAST 54TH
15 STREET IN MAYWOOD. LUIS AND LUZ PIRA, A AT 3747 EAST 55TH
16 STREET IN MAYWOOD, TOO, ARE GANG BANGERS. AND AGAIN THEY
17 FOLLOW THE GANG BANGING AND CRIMINAL VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY ALL
18 THROUGH EAST L.A. AND FROM THERE THEY SPREAD THEIR TENTACLES
19 TO BEVERLY HILLS, BEL AIR AND ALL THE OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE
20 UNITED STATES. AND 3804 AND 3805 EAST 55TH STREET AT MAYWOOD,
21 CALIFORNIA. AGAIN ALL OF THE AFORE MENTIONED ARE JUST A FEW
22 GANG BANGERS. AND WHAT THEY DO IS THEY CHIRP. WHENEVER THE
23 DEPUTIES PASS BY OR SOMEBODY CONTACTS THE DEPUTIES THEY START
24 THEIR CHIRPING AND THEN STARTS THE MONOPOLY EFFECT WHERE
25 EVERYBODY IS PUT ON ALERT THAT DEPUTIES OR SOME FORM OF



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1 TROUBLE IS BREWING AND TO LAY LOW. AND THEY ALSO LEAVE MARKERS
2 LIKE STICKS, TWIGS AND LEAVES OR ANY KIND OF AN OBJECT TO
3 INDICATE WHERE VANDALISM NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE EVENING WHERE
4 NOBODY'S WATCHING. AND AGAIN, THESE GUYS ARE DUMB BUT
5 INTELLIGENT. THAT'S HOW THEY PROLIFERATE THE CRIMINAL GANG
6 BANGING EMPIRE. I WANT TO SEE THE END OF IT. THANK YOU.
7 F.B.I., WE'RE DOING YOUR JOBS. YOU BUNCH OF LAZY BUMS. HAVING
8 SAID THAT AGAIN I SALUTE THE UNITED STATES MILITARY. THE
9 DEPUTIES HAVE DONE ALL THEY CAN TO BRING IN THE MILITARY.
10 THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD, I
11 TELL YOU, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD.

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13 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. WALSH.

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15 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE OVER HERE
16 RATHER THAN IN THE MIDST OF HELL AT L.A. CITY COUNCIL.
17 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. H-I-G-H-L-A-N-D-S 55,000 SUCCESSFUL
18 SERVER REQUESTS LAST WEEK. WE'D LIKE TO POINT OUT TODAY IS
19 ELECTION DAY, AS YOU SEE I HAVE ALREADY VOTED. IF YOU'RE
20 WATCHING THIS ON CHANNEL 16, ON CABLE OR WHEREVER YOU ARE
21 WATCHING IT, IT IS TUESDAY, GO OUT THERE AND VOTE. GO OUT
22 THERE AND VOTE FOR LYDIA GUTIERREZ THE REPUBLICAN AND ALSO
23 VOTE FOR BENNETT KAISER THE DEMOCRAT. IF THEY'RE ON YOUR
24 BALLOT. OKAY. MR. FUJIOKA SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED. HE SHOULD NOT
25 HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TAKEN AWAY



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1 FROM HIM. NOW YOU KNOW AND EVERYBODY IN THE CITY KNOWS THAT
2 GARCETTI, OSCAR GARCETTI, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS BEEN
3 AUDITIONING CHILDREN TO NOT ADOPT BUT TO BECOME FOSTER
4 CHILDREN. HE HAS HAD THEM OVER TO HIS HOUSE. HE HAS- HE IS
5 GETTING SPECIAL TREATMENT FROM THE COUNTY SO THAT HE CAN HAVE
6 A SET FAMILY. HE CAN RUN FOR EITHER MAYOR OR RUN FOR CONGRESS.
7 NOW, THIS IS AGAINST THE RULES. WHY DOESN'T HE ADOPT? HE
8 DOESN'T ADOPT AND AS YOU KNOW MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE ADOPT,
9 WORKING CLASS PEOPLE USE FOSTER CARE. HE AND HIS WIFE ARE
10 WORKING FULL-TIME AND I THINK IT'S JUST DESPICABLE THE WAY
11 THIS COUNTY IS ALLOWING HIM TO ADOPT CHILDREN. AND I'M TELLING
12 YOU RIGHT NOW, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG, SEE HOW THE COUNTY
13 DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS IN FACT SUING ME, HAS THREATENED TO SUE ME
14 IF I DON'T TAKE DOWN MY WEBSITE, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. AND
15 HOT D.S. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION AND YOU WANT TO GIVE
16 US DOCUMENTS, HOLLYWOODDEMS D-E-M-S @G-MAIL.COM. KEEP FUJIOKA
17 AND INVESTIGATE WHAT'S HAPPENING BETWEEN GARSETY AND DCFS.
18 THANK YOU.

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20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL NOW GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH--

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24 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. ROBINSON? WE DIDN'T HAVE OKAY.
25 COME ON.



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2 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS, MR. ROBINSON. I'M
3 NETWORKING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM IN HOLLYWOOD SIMILAR
4 TO THAT THAT I STARTED IN 1971 AT THE MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL
5 DOWNTOWN. AS I PERFECT THAT PRIVATE SECURITY NETWORK THAT I
6 BEGAN, PLACING AROUND THE TAIWANESE FAMILY WHICH OWNS MY
7 RESIDENCE AT 1730 NORTH LA BREA IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, THEY'RE
8 DOING A SIGNIFICANT WORK WITH SHERIFF BACA AND THE LOS ANGELES
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT'S HOLLYWOOD DIVISION. WE ARE ARRESTING- I'M
10 PLACING ON NOTICE THOSE PERPS, THOSE GANG MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY
11 WHO DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE VIDEOTAPE RECORDING CAMERAS
12 EMBEDDED BEHIND THE WALL IN THE FRONT MOTEL, THE BACK, THE
13 SIDES AND THE GARAGE, SO ANYONE STUPID- THE WORD IS STUPID,
14 ANYONE STUPID ENOUGH TO BRING THEIR DRUGS AND THEIR
15 GIRLFRIENDS INTO THAT MOTEL, THE SEVEN STAR MOTEL, I'M TELLING
16 YOU, THEY ARE VERY STUPID BECAUSE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
17 THE L.A.P.D. ARE DOING A MAGNIFICENT JOB OF DRAGGING SOME OF
18 THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMINALS OUT OF HOLLYWOOD INTO JAIL. THANK
19 YOU.

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21 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. SACHI?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
24 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
25 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,



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1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
2 ITEM NUMBER CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
3 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE. AND ITEM NUMBER
4 CS-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON
5 THE POSTED AGENDA. IN ADDITION, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
6 SECTION 54956.9, THE BOARD WILL BE DISCUSSING ITEM NUMBER 13
7 ON TODAY'S AGENDA TO CONFER WITH COUNTY LABOR NEGOTIATOR
8 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MAY 17, 2011

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1 or CS-4.

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7 In open session, item CS-2 was continued two weeks to May 31,
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10 In closed session, item CS-3 was continued one week to May 24,
11 2011.

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